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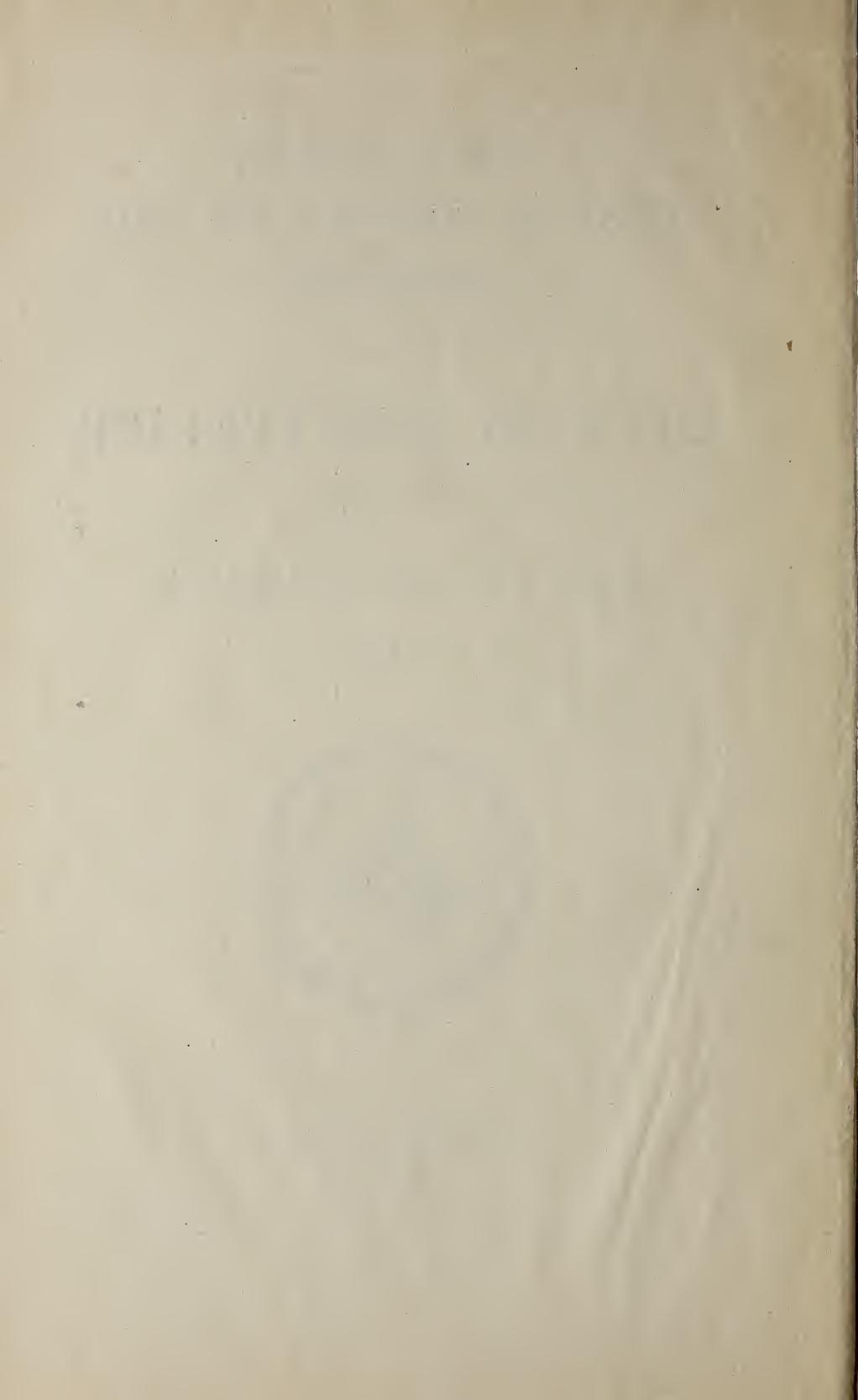
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TWENTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
OFFICERS
OF THE
CITY OF MONTPELIER
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31,
1923



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**GOVERNMENT
OF THE CITY OF MONTPELIER**

MARCH 1922 TO MARCH 1923.

MAYOR

His Honor, Dean K. Lillie, 97 College Street

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

President—George E. Carpenter

George L. Edson, 37 Liberty Street

Term expires 1924.

John H. Gowdey, 2 Park Avenue

Term expires 1924.

Robert M. Fraser, Deceased 174 Barre Street

George E. Carpenter, 103 East State Street

Term expires 1923.

CITY OFFICERS

CITY CLERK

Timothy R. Merrill, 134 Elm Street

CITY TREASURER

Timothy R. Merrill, 134 Elm Street

CITY SHERIFF

Arthur C. Theriault, 3 Franklin Street

CONSTABLES

Charles H. Reagan,	30 Sibley Avenue
Robert Johnson, resigned	16 Winter Street
Henry C. Lawson,	8 Elm Street

LISTERS

Charles De F. Bancroft,	Opera House Block
	Term expires 1924.
William B. Turney,	12 Loomis Street
	Term expires 1925.
Frank E. Grout,	391 Elm Street
	Term expires 1923.

AUDITORS

Levi H. Bixby,	27 Loomis Street
Frank R. Pitkin,	41 Clarendon Avenue
Charles R. Lyons,	9 Richardson Street

COMMISSIONERS OF GREEN MOUNT CEMETERY

Lynn B. Brooks, 1922-1927,	35 Liberty Street
Arthur D. Farwell, 1918-1923,	28 School Street
George L. Blanchard, 1919-1924,	145 State Street
James M. Boutwell, 1920-1925,	156 Main Street
William S. Smith, 1921-1926,	85 College Street

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Hugh J. M. Jones, 1922-1927,	100 East State Street
William H. Herrick, 1918-1923,	22 Vine Street
Harry M. Cutler, 1919-1924,	17 Baldwin Street
Robert F. Bliss, 1920-1925,	23 Winter Street
Arthur D. Farwell, 1921-1926,	28 School Street

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

Clara M. Harvey,	17 Liberty Street
	Term expires 1924.

Harthan F. Leslie,		167 Main Street
	Term expires 1924.	
Frank C. Corry,		157 State Street
	Term expires 1924.	
Clarence E. Moulton,		12 Clarendon Avenue
	Term expires 1923.	
Robert F. Bliss,		33 Winter Street
	Term expires 1923.	
Mason S. Stone,		12 Baldwin Street
	Term expires 1923.	

TRUSTEES OF WASHINGTON COUNTY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Fred A. Howland, Henry L. Farwell, George L. Blanchard

CITY OFFICERS

Appointed by Council.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CITY ENGINEER

Martin G. Ferry, 17 Prospect Street

CITY ATTORNEY

George L. Hunt, 41 Summer Street

OVERSEER OF THE POOR

B. W. Daniels, 13 Terrace Street

DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. Clarence H. Burr, 52 Barre Street

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Vaney B. Persons, 8 Winter Street

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Vaney B. Persons, 8 Winter Street

INSPECTOR OF PAINT

M. G. Jenne, 288 Elm Street

POUNDKEEPER

Charles V. Kent, 17 Pearl Street

FENCE VIEWERS

Harry S. Tabor,* Barre Transfer

James C. Finn,* Worcester Branch

Harrison Lombard,* 45 Clarendon Avenue

SURVEYORS OF WOOD

Waldo H. Farrar,* 25 Liberty Street

Arthur A. Emery,* 16 Liberty Street

James A. Ewing,* 4 North Street

CHIEF OF POLICE

Patrick J. Connolly, 21 Kent Street

PATROLMEN

Edgar D. Sloan, 4 Hillside Avenue

Frank B. Baldwin, 38 State Street

JUDGE OF CITY COURT

Fred L. Laird, 7 Clarendon Avenue

GRAND JUROR

John H. Stone, Miles Court

* Did not qualify..

Report of THE CITY COUNCIL.

To the Taxpayers of the City of Montpelier:

As required by our Charter we submit for your consideration the following report for the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1923.

The bonded debt of the City is now \$375,000. The balance of the Granite Street Bridge Bonds amounting to \$15,000. having been paid. There is only \$5,000. of bonds due each year until 1927, which can be taken care of from income of the Water Department. We recommend that instead of placing the usual \$0.10 on a dollar of the grand list in the sinking fund for the year 1923, that all the funds available be used in the continued construction of permanent streets, but it should be borne in mind that this plan is recommended for one year only.

During the past year we have made a satisfactory settlement with the Town of Berlin in the matter of taxes for the years 1921 and 1922, resulting in a considerable saving to the city. The matter of the Barney trusteeship has also been closed. The Water Department has apparently established title to the land along the east side of the reservoir.

The equipment is on hand to complete the chlorine outfit at the reservoir, and when installed the water should be free of all disease germs. Owing to the lack of rain through the fall Berlin Pond has been very low and we have had a narrow escape from pumping. If the dam at Berlin Corner was raised four feet the storage would probably be nearly doubled and all danger from low water would be eliminated.

We recommend some plan for the purchase of the E. W. Bailey & Co. property just north of the City Hall for a fire station, which is badly needed. Fire Department property is stored

here and there, and while a building to house the ladder truck was built last year near the city barn, much more room is needed.

The City Council has taken out a liability policy covering all city employees, although municipalities are not required to come under the compensation law unless they so desire. This matter should be brought before the Annual Meeting, and the city vote to come in under the law.

We, as a whole, do not advise bonding to continue the cement road work, but good progress can be made if the city will vote a fair tax and permit the use of funds for road work which have been formerly diverted into other channels. It would be very advisable to continue the concrete road to the Pioneer, and Barre Street must be completed as far as Hubbard Street. If, however, the city will not vote a tax sufficient to do this work, the only alternative is further bonding. Fuller Street should be excavated and re-built, and Ridge Street should be finished. Also Summer Street should be widened at its southern end. A concrete curb and gutter should be built on both sides of East State Street from Main to Hubbard Streets. In order to preserve the streets which have been put in good shape fully 30,000 gallons of tarvia should be applied. Tarvia is not only a first-class binder, but is also a good dust layer.

The building of the Lane Bridge was made possible by the increase of the grand list due mainly to the building erected by the National Life Insurance Company. The School Commissioners have asked for \$7,000. more this year—which makes their request total \$88,000. and if this request is granted it will take the largest part of the taxes raised by reason of the increased appraisals.

New walks will require an expenditure of approximately \$10,000., as well as the usual expense of patching.

We recommend the purchase of the Lathrop Farm, which has large deposits of gravel and sand, at \$10,000. Probably the farm can be sold after reserving all the rights the city would desire to retain, for \$5,000. leaving the net cost of the gravel and sand to the city of \$5,000. We have paid for these two materials in the last two years \$7,336.56, and probably will use nearly as

much in the next two or three years. Of course these figures include the hauling, but we feel that fully one-third could be saved if the city owned its own gravel and sand banks. In the year 1922 we paid over \$800. for sand for icy walks and to cover tarvia streets, which our own teams could have hauled. This item alone would pay the interest on \$20,000. at 4%. We do not consider it good business for the city to be unable to get a single load of sand without having to buy it and hire it hauled. Some profit could also be had from the sale of these materials.

In recommending a tax rate of \$3.05 we are figuring on the same State and County rate for taxes as were in effect last year. We expect, however, that the State direct tax will not exceed \$.25 on a dollar of the grand list, so that by voting a rate of \$3.05 considerable progress may be made with permanent roads with money that went for State Taxes last year. If we should collect the bond due the city from the National Surety Company still more work could be done.

It will be folly at this time to recommend a reduction in the rate, and revert to old conditions. With good progress, however, for a few years more, it will eventually be possible to reduce the tax rate materially.

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR 1923

Streets.....	\$ 27,000.00
Walks.....	10,000.00
Sprinkling.....	9,000.00
Sewers.....	5,500.00
Bridges.....	2,000.00
State Roads.....	5,000.00
Street lighting.....	10,300.00
Fire Department.....	11,000.00
Police Department.....	5,000.00
Poor Department.....	\$ 16,000.00
City Hall.....	6,000.00
City Property.....	2,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	2,000.00
Card Indexing.....	1,000.00

Listing.....	\$ 2,000.00
Election.....	600.00
Legal Expense.....	700.00
Health.....	400.00
Langdon Meadow.....	550.00
Registration.....	150.00
Transporting Parochial School children.....	1,400.00
Clerk's salary.....	2,000.00
Assistant Clerk.....	1,300.00
Extra clerk hire.....	200.00
Engineer.....	1,100.00
Interest.....	16,200.00
Taxes (School and highway).....	18,000.00
Taxes rebated.....	300.00
Taxes uncollected.....	2,000.00
Sinking fund.....	8,800.00
Schools.....	88,000.00
Hospital.....	3,000.00
District Nurse.....	1,000.00
Band.....	1,200.00
Memorial Day.....	200.00
Rest Room.....	351.00
County Agricultural Agent.....	350.00
Rent of land.....	75.00
State taxes.....	35,200.00
Expenses for February, 1924.....	6,000.00
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	\$302,876.00

ESTIMATED INCOME, 1923

City Clerk's fees.....	\$ 450.00
Old taxes.....	700.00
Police Department.....	200.00
Poor Department.....	3,200.00
City Property.....	1,000.00
City Hall.....	1,000.00
Licenses.....	800.00

Dog Licenses.....	\$ 400.00
Streets.....	1,000.00
Sidewalks.....	1,000.00
Sewers.....	50.00
State roads.....	2,500.00
Dust-laying.....	4,000.00
Interest.....	400.00
Stenographer.....	150.00
Miscellaneous.....	50.00

	\$ 16,900.00
Taxes—\$88,000.00 grand list at \$3.05 on the dollar of the grand list to be raised by taxation	\$268,400.00
Cash brought forward.....	15,701.98
Total.....	\$301,001.98

DEAN K. LILLIE
 GEO. E. CARPENTER
 GEO. L. EDSON
 JOHN H. GOWDEY

City Council.

January 31, 1923.

Report of AUDITORS.

The undersigned, Auditors of the City, respectfully report that they have examined and adjusted, as required by the City Charter, the accounts of the City Treasurer, Overseer of the Poor, School Commissioners, Trustees of Green Mountain Cemetery and Park Commissioners, for the year ending January 31, 1923, as appears by the detailed statements of the same hereto appended and the same are approved as contained in said detailed statements. The Auditors have also examined all the warrants drawn by the Mayor upon approval of the City Council. A classified statement of the warrants, amounting to \$476,515.52, appears in the report of the City Treasurer.

The Auditors have also examined into the indebtedness of the City and find the same to be (as appears by the books) as follows:

City Hall bonds, 3½ per cent dated May 1, 1907, due May 1, 1927, optional	
May 1, 1912, coupon bonds.....	\$ 30,000.00
City Hall bonds, 4 per cent dated August 1, 1909, due August 1, 1929, optional August 1, 1919, coupon bonds.	120,000.00
New High School bonds, 4 per cent, dated April 1, 1912, due April 1, 1932, optional April 1, 1922, coupon bonds,	100,000.00
Street Improvement Bonds, 5 per cent, dated July 1, 1921, payable \$5,000.00 each year after 1922,.....	30,000.00
Dated August 1, 1921, payable \$5,000.00 each year after 1928.....	55,000.00
Street Improvement Bonds 4½ per cent dated June 1, 1922, payable \$5,000.00 each year after 1932,.....	40,000.00
Total funded debt.....	<hr/> <hr/> \$375,000.00

Less cash in hands of Treasurer:

General fund.....	\$ 15,701.98
Water Fund.....	5,396.55
School fund.....	235.71
Tabor Crossing fund.....	1.20
Sinking fund.....	497.52
Cash in School Commissioner's hands...	497.88
Unpaid taxes.....	5,388.55
Unpaid sprinkling tax.....	752.88
Unpaid sidewalk tax.	432.93
County Hospital fund.....	1.51
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Net debt.....	\$346,093.29

Respectfully submitted,

LEVI H. BIXBY,
FRANK R. PITKIN,
CHARLES R. LYONS,

Auditors

Montpelier, January 31, 1923.

Report of
CITY TREASURER.

To the City of Montpelier:

I have the honor to submit report of the receipts and disbursements and cash balances in each of the separate funds for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1923:

GENERAL FUND

Debits

Cash in general fund Feb. 1, 1922.....	\$ 26,491.12
Temporary loans.....	38,000.00
From Bond Issue, Loan paid.....	12,627.66
Income to February 1, 1923.....	191,603.88
	\$268,722.66

Credits

General fund temporary loan paid...	\$ 38,000.00
Loan to Bond Issue.....	12,627.66
Net expense general fund.....	202,393.02
Cash on hand February 1, 1923.....	15,701.98
	\$268,722.66

WATER FUND

Debits

Cash in water fund Feb. 1, 1922.....	\$ 3,974.23
Income to February 1, 1923.....	20,073.37
	\$ 24,047.60

Credits

Carried to Sinking fund.....	\$ 1,000.00
Net expense water fund.....	17,651.05
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1923.....	5,396.55
	—————
	\$24,047.60

SCHOOL FUND

Debits

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1922.....	\$ 759.71
Temporary Loans.....	36,000.00
Income to Feb. 1, 1923.....	87,132.50
	—————
	\$123,892.21

Credits

Temporary loans paid.....	\$ 36,000.00
Other warrants drawn.....	87,656.50
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1923.....	235.71
	—————
	\$123,892.21

SINKING FUND

Debits

Cash in Sinking fund Feb. 1, 1922...	\$ 970.85
From water fund.....	1,000.00
Income to Feb. 1, 1923.....	13,526.67
	—————
	\$ 15,497.52

Credits

Granite Street bridge refunding bond paid.....	\$ 15,000.00
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1923.....	497.52
	—————
	\$ 15,497.52

PARK FUND

Debits

Government bonds (purchase price)	\$ 10,960.37
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1922.....	1,709.38
Income to Feb. 1, 1923.....	549.84
	—————
	\$ 13,219.59

Credits

Governemnt bonds.....	\$ 10,960.37
Warrants paid.....	1,369.75
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1923.....	889.47
	—————
	\$ 13,219.59

TABOR'S CROSSING

Debits

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1922.....	\$ 15.32
Income.....	1.20
	—————
	\$ 16.52

Credits

Carried to sinking fund.....	\$ 15.32
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1923.....	1.20
	—————
	\$ 16.52

COUNTY HOSPITAL

Debits

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1922.....	\$ 4,835.65
Income.....	6.67
	—————
	\$ 4,842.32

Credits

Carried to sinking fund.....	\$ 4,835.65
Other warrants.....	5.16
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1923.....	1.51
	—————
	\$ 4,842.32

BOND ISSUE

Debits

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1922.....	\$ 688.21
Loaned from general fund.....	12,627.66
Other Income.....	46,660.86
	————— \$ 59,976.73

Credits

Warrants paid.....	\$ 59,976.73
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SUMMARY

Debits

Total cash on hand Feb. 1, 1922.....	\$ 50,404.84
Temporary loans.....	86,627.66
Other income.....	373,182.65
	————— \$510,215.15

Credits

Temporary loans paid.....	\$ 86,627.66
Other Mayor's warrants.....	389,903.18
Total cash on hand Feb. 1, 1923.....	33,684.31
	————— \$510,215.15

GENERAL FUND

DETAIL OF RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1922.....	\$ 26,491.12
Temporary loans.....	38,000.00
Old taxes collected by sheriff.....	\$ 878.48
1922 taxes collected by sheriff.....	2,530.01
1922 taxes collected by Treas.....	————— \$ 3,408.49
	167,809.61
	—————
	\$171,218.10

City Clerk's fees.....	\$	419.26
Street Department (See Commissioner's report).....		10,010.56
Sewer Department (See Commissioner's report).....		71.48
Police Department:		
State of Vermont, account special officers.....	\$	202.66
State of Vermont, account Police fees.....		169.85
		\$372.51
Charity Department (See Overseer's report).....		4,222.02
Property Department:		
Rent, Ward Six tenement.....	\$	175.00
Rent, Capital City Press.....		700.00
State of Vermont, account repairs to Armory.....		134.65
		\$ 1,009.65
City Hall rentals.....		1,017.50
Licenses.....		.999.20
Dog licenses.....		463.00
Fire Department (see Chief's report).		516.65
Miscellaneous Department:		
From bond issue account loan.....	\$	12,627.66
State of Vermont, account taxes abated.....		613.56
Theriault & Hunt, over payment....		.09
Capital Savings Bank & Trust Co., Interest on deposits.....		520.30
Water Fund, account making water rents, transfers, etc.....		150.00
		13,911.61
		\$268,722.66

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES

Streets.....	\$ 29,589.92
Sidewalks.....	12,100.88

Bridges.....	\$ 5,430.71
Dust-laying.....	12,497.48
Sewers.....	5,089.27
Fire.....	10,915.52
Clerk's salary.....	2,000.00
Assistant Clerk's Salary.....	1,400.00
Rest-room.....	352.00
Engineering.....	1,142.95
Police.....	5,082.07
Poor.....	17,063.59
Transporting Parochial Scholars.....	1,351.50
Street lighting.....	9,490.27
Registration.....	101.70
Legal expense.....	977.02
Election.....	780.80
Court expense.....	41.18
Taxes rebated.....	6.86
Property.....	1,755.98
Interest on bonds.....	\$15,750.00
Interest on temporary loans.....	277.20
	—————
Card index.....	\$16,027.20
Health.....	\$1,155.15
Listing.....	375.43
Exrta Clerk hire.....	2,133.46
Memorial Day.....	86.98
Band.....	160.90
District Nurse.....	1,200.00
Temporary loans.....	1,000.00
Hospital.....	38,000.00
Langdon Meadow.....	3,000.00
Rent of land.....	533.75
Agricultural Agent.....	75.00
Miscellaneous:	345.52
Stationery.....	\$ 78.25
Typewriting ribbons.....	12.25
Pens pencils, etc.....	21.62

Telephone service and tolls.....	\$ 6.23
Record books.....	261.75
Officer's bonds.....	51.50
Book typewriter..... \$ 381.00	
Book typewriter	
express.....	9.39
	390.39
Labor at City Dump.....	10.00
Auditors.....	60.00
Advertising.....	28.50
City Reports.....	270.00
Correcting list of delinquent tax-payers.....	13.00
Money advanced Bond Issue account.....	12,627.66
Storage of "band wagon".....	2.66
Tax receipts, postals, notices.....	92.75
Dog license refunded.....	2.00
Rent deposit box.....	10.00
Care adding machinge.....	11.70
Expense Barney children matter....	27.50
Care "town clock".....	20.00
Road map.....	1.75
Workmen's compensation.....	729.31
City directory.....	6.00
Postage.....	34.59
Use of auto.....	7.00
Sign boards.....	38.00
Labor on road to City dump.....	6.15
Rent of water tub.....	5.00
Publishing ordinances.....	108.25
Ice.....	14.96
Other minor items.....	19.70
	\$ 14,968.47

City Hall:

Janitor service..... \$ 1,711.02

Repairs to roof.....	\$ 1,910.19
Other supplies and repairs.....	638.73 \$ 2,548.92
Liquid soap, dust- bane, etc.....	98.22
Gas.....	141.70
Electric lighting, lamps and repairs.	481.86
Tuning piano.....	6.00
Insurance.....	143.21
Coal.....	\$ 532.50
Freight on coal.....	521.09
Street Department, drawing coal.....	73.93 1,127.52
Wood.....	12.00
	————— \$6,270.45

Taxes:

County tax.....	\$ 4,335.04
State highway tax....	\$ 3,940.96
State school tax.....	7,881.91
State tax.....	34,360.76 46,183.63
	————— \$ 50,518.67

Cash on hand February 1, 1923.....	15,701.98
	—————
	\$268,722.66

WATER FUND

(See Commissioner's report, first page this report.)

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Debit

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1922.....	\$ 759.71
Temporary loans.....	36,000.00
Rent, grammar school lands.....	103.20
Tuitions.....	4,395.53

State of Vermont:

Transportation and board of scholars....	\$	42.11
Vocational courses....		400.00
Rebate for repairs and improvements....		300.00
Rebate for current exps.		347.60
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		\$ 1,089.71

Interest on deposit.....	225.74
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1916 tax.....	\$ 4.80
1917 tax.....	2.60
1918 tax.....	3.91
1919 tax.....	4.20
1920 tax.....	41.34
1922 tax.....	81,000.00
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	81,056.85

From other sources.....	261.47
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	\$123,892.21

Credit

Temporary loan paid.....	\$ 36,000.00
Temporary loan, interest paid.....	456.50
Mayor's warrants to Treasurer, School Commissioners.....	87,200.00
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1923.....	235.71
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	\$123,892.21

SINKING FUND

Debit

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1922.....	\$ 970.85
Interest on deposit.....	124.06
From "County Hospital".....	4,835.65
From "Tabor's Crossing".....	15.32
From Water fund.....	1,000.00
1917 tax.....	\$.40
1918 tax.....	.59

1919 tax.....	\$.60	
1920 tax.....	4.45	
1921 tax.....	25.39	
1922 tax.....	8,520.21	\$8,551.64

		\$15,497.52

Credit

Granite Street bridge bond paid.....	\$ 15,000.00	
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1923.....	497.52	
	-----	\$ 15,497.52

COUNTY HOSPITAL

Debit

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1922.....	\$ 4,835.65	
1919 tax..... \$.18		
1920 tax..... 1.33		
1921 tax (error)..... 5.16		6.67
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		\$ 4,842.32

Credit

To general fund.....	\$ 4,840.81	
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1923.....	1.51	
	-----	\$ 4,842.32

PARK FUND

Debit

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1922.....	\$ 1,709.38	
Interest on Liberty Bonds.....	510.00	
Interest on Deposit.....	39.84	
	-----	\$ 2,259.22

Credit

Mayor's warrant.....	\$ 1,369.75	
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1923.....	889.47	
	-----	\$ 2,259.22

BOND ISSUE

(See Commissioner's report, and first page this report).

TABOR'S CROSSING

Debit

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1922.....	\$	15.32
1916 tax.....		1.20
		————— \$ 16.52

Credit

To Sinking Fund.....	\$	15.32
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1923.....		1.20
		————— \$ 16.52

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS

Debit

1914 assessment uncollected.....	\$	5.66
1915 assessment uncollected.....		3.34
1916 assessment uncollected.....		89.37
1917 assessment uncollected.....		11.26
1918 assessment uncollected.....		50.97
1921 assessment uncollected.....		357.06 \$ 517.66
1922 assessment uncollected.....		703.85
		—————
		\$ 1,221.51

Credit

1921 assessment collected.....	\$	100.00
1922 assessment collected.....		688.58 \$ 788.58
		—————
1914 assessment uncollected.....		5.66
1915 assessment uncollected.....		3.34

1916 assessment uncollected.....	\$	89.37
1917 assessment uncollected.....		11.26
1918 assessment uncollected.....		50.97
1921 assessment uncollected.....		257.06
1922 assessment uncollected.....		15.27 \$ 432.93

		\$ 1,221.51

DUST-LAYING ASSESSMENTS

Debit

1913 assessment uncollected.....	\$	27.17
1914 assessment uncollected.....		30.53
1915 assessment uncollected.....		14.86
1916 assessment uncollected.....		67.05
1917 assessment uncollected.....		112.96
1918 assessment uncollected.....		36.79
1919 assessment uncollected.....		119.10
1920 assessment uncollected.....		25.24
1921 assessment uncollected.....		140.50
1922 assessment uncollected.....		3,814.10 \$ 4,388.30
Calcium Chloride sold, and State's		_____
proportion.....		1,285.45

		\$ 5,673.75

Credit

1921 assessment collected.....	\$	82.34
1922 assessment collected.....		3,553.08
1913 assessment uncollected.....		27.17
1914 assessment uncollected.....		30.53
1915 assessment uncollected.....		14.86
1916 assessment uncollected.....		67.05
1917 assessment uncollected.....		112.96
1918 assessment uncollected.....		36.79
1919 assessment uncollected.....		119.10
1920 assessment uncollected.....		25.24

1921 assessment uncollected.....	\$	58.16
1922 assessment uncollected.....		261.02 \$4,388.30
Received from State; also for sale of		
Calcium chloride.....		1,285.45
		\$ 5,673.75

TAXES

Debit

1915 general fund tax.....	\$	80.32
1915 school tax.....		32.73
1915 sinking fund.....		5.95
1916 general fund tax.....		410.63
1916 school tax.....		176.08
1916 sinking fund tax.....		29.44
1916 Tabor' Crossing tax.....		44.17
1917 general fund tax.....		382.05
1917 school tax.....		177.40
1917 sinking fund tax.....		27.51
1917 special tax.....		70.70
1918 general fund tax.....		381.39
1918 school tax.....		164.90
1918 sinking fund tax.....		24.59
1919 general fund tax.....		475.62
1919 school tax.....		190.25
1919 sinking fund tax.....		27.20
1919 County Hospital tax.....		8.17
1920 general fund tax.....		604.48
1920 School tax.....		275.56
1920 sinking fund tax.....		29.65
1920 County Hospital tax.....		8.90
1920 special tax.....		66.40
1921 general fund tax.....		1,908.88
1921 sinking fund tax.....		508.86 \$ 6,111.83
1922 general fund tax.....		\$172,980.69
1922 school tax.....		81,000.00

1922 sinking fund tax.....	\$ 8,609.51
	\$262,590.20
Due Collector.....	19.08
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	\$268,721.11

Credit

From A. C. Theriault, City Sheriff:

1916 general fund tax.....	\$ 12.00
1916 school fund Tax.....	4.80
1916 Tabor's Crossing tax.....	1.20
1917 general fund tax.....	5.60
1917 school fund tax.....	2.60
1917 sinking fund tax.....	.40
1917 special tax.....	.30
1918 general fund tax.....	9.05
1918 school fund tax.....	3.91
1918 sinking fund tax.....	.59
1919 general fund tax.....	10.50
1919 school fund tax.....	4.20
1919 sinking fund tax.....	.60
1919 County Hospital tax.....	.18
1920 general fund tax.....	90.70
1920 school fund tax.....	41.34
1920 sinking fund tax.....	4.45
1920 County Hospital tax.....	1.33
1920 special tax.....	1.30
1921 general fund tax.....	749.03
1921 sinking fund tax.....	25.39
1922 general fund tax.....	2,530.01
1922 sinking fund tax.....	85.76
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	\$ 3,585.24

From City Treasurer:

1922 general fund tax.....	\$167,809.61
1922 school tax.....	81,000.00
1922 sinking fund tax.....	8,434.45 \$257,244.06

Abated by the Board of Civil Authority:

1915 general fund tax.....	\$	11.47
1915 school tax.....		4.68
1915 sinking fund tax.....		.85
1916 general fund tax.....		411.58
1916 school tax.....		176.39
1916 sinking fund tax.....		29.44
1916 Tabor's Crossing tax.....		44.06
1917 general fund tax.....		231.70
1917 school tax.....		107.57
1917 sinking fund tax.....		16.55
1917 special tax.....		42.46
1918 general fund tax.....		215.06
1918 school tax.....		92.96
1918 sinking fund tax.....		13.88
1919 general fund tax.....		179.55
1919 school tax.....		71.82
1919 sinking fund tax.....		10.26
1919 County Hospital tax.....		3.08
1920 general fund tax.....		217.77
1920 school fund.....		99.28
1920 sinking fund tax.....		10.68
1920 County Hospital tax.....		3.19
1920 special tax.....		23.42
1921 general fund tax.....		94.40
1921 sinking fund tax.....		3.20
1922 general fund tax.....		375.24
1922 sinking fund tax.....		12.72
	\$	2,503.26

Uncollected taxes Feb. 1, 1923:

1915 general fund tax.....	\$	68.85
1915 school fund tax.....		28.05
1915 sinking fund tax.....		5.10
1917 general fund tax.....		144.75
1917 school fund tax.....		67.23
1917 sinking fund tax.....		10.56

1917 special tax.....	\$ 27.94
1918 general fund tax.....	157.28
1918 school tax.....	68.03
1918 sinking fund tax.....	10.12
1919 general fund tax.....	285.57
1919 school tax.....	114.23
1919 sinking fund tax.....	16.34
1919 County Hospital tax.....	4.91
1920 general fund tax.....	296.01
1920 school fund tax.....	134.94
1920 sinking fund tax.....	14.52
1920 County Hospital tax.....	4.38
1920 special tax.....	41.68
1921 general fund tax.....	1,065.45
1921 sinking fund tax.....	480.27
1922 general fund tax.....	2,265.54
1922 sinking fund tax.....	76.80 \$ 5,388.55

\$268.721.11

Respectfully submitted,

TIMOTHY R. MERRILL

City Treasurer.

January 31st, 1922.

We have examined the foregoing accounts of the City Treasurer and approve the same.

LEVI H. BIXBY,
FRANK R. PITKIN,
CHARLES R. LYONS.

Auditors.

Report of SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Montpelier:

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the requirement of the City Charter, we present our twenty-eighth annual report, covering the fiscal year ending January 31, 1923.

As prescribed by the Charter the Board held its first meeting March 8, 1922, the first Wednesday following the City meeting in March, and more than the required number of meetings were held during the year. The organization of the Board was completed at this meeting by the election of Fred Blanchard, Chairman, Robert F. Bliss, Treasurer, and Clarence E. Moulton, Secretary. In July Mr. Fred Blanchard and Mr. Henry L. Farwell completed a term of many years of faithful and very valuable service as members of the Board and in September Robert F. Bliss was elected Chairman to succeed Mr. Blanchard.

Following the September meeting the following committees were appointed by the Chairman:

Audit and Finance—Woodruff, Moulton.

Teachers—Harvey, Stone, Woodruff.

Instruction—Stone, Harvey, Corry.

Books and Supplies—Leslie, Harvey.

Repairs—Blanchard, Denny, Leslie.

Grounds—Moulton, Denny.

Transportation—Corry, Blanchard.

As has been the custom in recent years we include in this report a summarized statement of disbursements for the year ending January 31, 1923, and in a parallel column a budget comprising estimates of necessary expenditures under the various headings during the year beginning February 1, 1923.

During the past year a modern lighting system has been installed in the Union School building and the exterior wood work of this building was painted for the first time in many years. It is planned during the coming year to redecorate the walls of the auditorium in this building and to install new seats in one room. These improvements will put this building into first class physical condition.

We believe that the efficiency of our schools is steadily increasing and it is hoped that we may be able to retain the services of a larger percentage than usual of our teachers, believing that thereby the desire of our citizens that our schools shall be in the forefront of Vermont schools may best be realized. Believing that a longer school year will work to the advantage of the pupils, it is the purpose of the Board to establish a school year of thirty-eight weeks in the grades and of thirty-nine weeks in the High School, beginning in September. This program is already in force in many Vermont communities and seems to be in the line of progress.

While the estimated salary budget may seem large it is believed to be necessary if we are to maintain and improve the efficiency of our schools, and also in view of the unsettled educational conditions in Vermont at the present time. At this moment it is impossible to say what may be done by the legislature, but indications are that it is quite possible that Montpelier, in common with other municipalities, may lose from \$2,000 to \$3,000 of the aid it is now receiving from the State. Our budget does not cover all of this possible loss.

The estimate of total income necessary for school purposes for the fiscal year 1923-1924 is \$ 93,889.00

Deducting:

Balance in bank.....	\$ 497.88
Due from City Treasurer.....	235.71
Estimated tuition and other miscellaneous income.....	4,925.00 \$ 5,658.59
To be provided by taxation.....	\$ 88,230.41

In compliance with the requirement of section 96 of the City Charter, we recommend that the amount required to be raised for school purposes be \$88,000.

Respectfully submitted

ROBERT F. BLISS, *Chairman*
FRANK C. CORRY,
CLARA M. HARVEY,
HARTHAN F. LESLIE,
CLARENCE E. MOULTON, Sec.,
MASON S. STONE,
GEORGE L. BLANCHARD,
RALPH B. DENNY,
HARRISON G. WOODRUFF,

Board of School Commissioners.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

From City Treasurer's Account.

RECEIPTS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Balance to credit of Board of School Commissioners, Feb. 1, 1922.....	\$ 759.71
Rent of Grammar School lands.....	103.20
From State on account of:	
Domestic Science.....	\$ 200.00
Manual Training.....	200.00
Transportation.....	42.11
Repairs.....	300.00
Current expenses.....	347.60 \$ 1,089.71
Tuition.....	4,395.53
Interest on deposit.....	225.74
Received on back taxes.....	56.85
Appropriation.....	81,000.00
Miscellaneous receipts.....	261.47
Total receipts.....	\$ 87,892.21

DISBURSEMENTS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Interest on temporary loan.....	\$ 456.50
Requisitions.....	87,200.00
Total disbursements.....	\$ 87,656.50
Balance to credit of Board of School Commissioners, Jan. 31, 1923....	235.71
Total disbursements and balance	\$ 87,892.21

TREASURER OF BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RECEIPTS

Balance in bank, Feb. 1, 1922.....	\$ 864.91
Requisitions.....	87,200.00
Total receipts.....	\$ 88,064.91
Expended as per vouchers.....	\$ 87,567.03
Balance in bank, Jan. 31, 1923.....	497.88
Total expenditures and balance	\$ 88,064.91

FISCAL SCHEDULE

I. EXPENSES

	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Budget</i>
	1922-23	1923-24

GENERAL CONTROL:

Board of School Commissioners..		
Supplies.....	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Treasurer's bond.....	25.00	25.00
Superintendent's office:		
Salaries.....	2,490.00	2,700.00
Supplies.....	265.00	200.00
Other expenses— travel, postage etc.....	195.17	200.00

Compulsory education:..

Salaries.....	\$ 174.97	\$ 200.00
Other expenses.....	37.01	25.00
Other expense of educational control	505.66	700.00
 Total.....	 \$ 3,717.81	 \$ 4,075.00

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICE:

Principal's office—salary of clerk...	\$ 275.00	\$ 550.00
Salary of teachers.....	59,377.18	64,000.00
Text-books.....	2,330.73	2,000.00
Supplies.....	2,232.20	2,500.00
Commencement exercises.....	160.75	150.00
Other expense of instruction.....	335.91	350.00
 Total.....	 \$ 64,711.77	 \$ 69,550.00

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:

Wages of janitors.....	\$ 4,525.46	\$ 4,500.00
Fuel.....	4,202.69	4,000.00
Water.....	134.00	134.00
Light and power.....	1,317.43	1,200.00
Janitors' supplies.....	484.79	600.00
Other expense of operation.....	250.90	150.00
 Total.....	 \$ 10,915.27	 \$ 10,584.00

MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:

Upkeep of grounds (repairs).....	\$ 501.66	\$ 300.00
Repair of buildings.....	1,312.28	1,200.00
Repair and replacement:		
Heat, light, power, plumbing	1,971.55	1,000.00
Apparatus used in instruction	303.75	500.00
Furniture.....	45.60	600.00
Other equipment.....	92.86	200.00
 Total.....	 \$ 4,227.70	 \$ 3,800.00

FIXED CHARGES:

Pensions.....	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Insurance.....	336.90	350.00
Total.....	\$ 486.90	\$ 500.00

DEBT SERVICE:

Refunds of tuition.....	\$ 145.33
Total.....	\$ 145.33

AUXILIARY AGENCIES:

Nurse service.....	\$ 640.98	\$ 1,555.00
Other expenses.....	8.77	25.00
Transportation of pupils.....	1,869.85	\$ 2,000.00
Other expenses.....	12.08	
Total.....	\$ 2,531.68	\$ 3,580.00

Total expenses..... \$ 86,736.46 \$ 92,089.00

II. OUTLAY

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

Equipment of old buildings:

Heat, light, power.....	\$ 817.57	\$
Furniture.....	7.50	
Apparatus used in instruction.....		1,300.00
Other equipment.....	5.50	500.00
Total.....	\$ 830.57	\$ 1,800.00

Total expense and outlay..... \$ 87,567.03 \$ 93,889.00

RECEIPTS FOR 1922-23 AND ESTIMATE FOR 1923-24

	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Estimate</i>
	1922-23	1923-24
Bank balance, Feb. 1.....	\$ 864.91	\$ 497.88
Tuition.....	4,395.53	4,000.00
Rent of Grammar School lands.....	103.20	100.00
From the State on account of:		
Domestic Science.....	200.00	200.00
Manual Training.....	200.00	200.00
Repairs.....	300.00	300.00
Transportation.....	42.11	50.00
Current expenses.....	347.60	
Interest on deposit.....	225.74	250.00
Miscellaneous.....	261.47	300.00
	\$ 6,940.56	\$ 5,897.88
Less interest on temporary loan.....	456.50	475.00
	\$ 6,484.06	\$ 5,422.88
City Treasurer's balance, Feb. 1.....	\$ 759.71	\$ 235.71
Appropriation required.....	\$ 80,821.14	\$ 88,230.41
	\$ 88,064.91	\$ 93,889.00

FIRE PREVENTION FUND

Balance unexpended, Feb. 1, 1922....	\$ 1,162.49
Interest to January 1, 1923.....	46.94
	\$ 1,209.43
Balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1923....	
Audited Feb. 14, 1923 and found correct with proper vouchers.	

LEVI H. BIXBY,
CHAS. R. LYONS,
FRANK R. PITKIN,

Auditors

Report of DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith present a brief record of the work done in the various branches of this Department, together with a statement showing the income and expenditures incurred during the year ending January 31, 1923:

WATER DEPARTMENT.

MAINS.

The only addition of importance to our supply mains made during the past year was the carrying out of one of the recommendations made in the last Annual Report relative to a new line on State Street connecting Western Avenue to the line of what was formerly Eastern Avenue.

514 feet of 6" pipe has been laid on State of Vermont land, just inside the sidewalk, connecting these two points together with the necessary gates required for the proper functioning of same.

Much trouble was experienced by a bad leak in the river on the 14" supply main that crosses. This pipe is so located that it is very inaccessible unless the river can be drawn down and even then there are two feet of water over the pipe in places. It was a number of weeks after the leak started before the river could be drawn down and then three joints were found to be leaking instead of one. Many of the joints are partially porous and are bound to cause trouble until a type of pipe, suitable for river conditions, with some flexible joints to allow for contraction and expansion, is installed.

SERVICES.

Eight new service pipes have been installed as follows:

- Ruth Pike, College Street.
- Mrs. Hattie M. Stoughton, College Street.
- Allen E. Lynch, College Street.
- C. A. Gale, vacant lot, Barre Street.
- Montpelier Ice Company, Cummins Street.
- Ellen Grahame, 39 Hubbard Street.
- Ellen Grahame, 41 Hubbard Street.
- National Life Athletic Association, State Street, across river to Langdon Meadow.

Seventy-two other services have been relaid, most of them being under the new paving constructed this year. One has been discontinued and shut off at the main.

Some over three hundred "lost" shutoffs have been located and records made of same. There still remains about fifty and these will be located in due time.

HYDRANTS.

No hydrants have been installed in new locations. Four old ones have been replaced with new, and ten others have been repaired most of them being reset. It is our policy to install gates on all hydrants that have to be replaced or reset. Many times this avoids shutting off mains when trouble is experienced with hydrants. This, of course, causes less inconvenience to consumers.

GATES.

New gates have been installed at the following locations:

- 6" on State Street, opposite Old National Life Building.
- 6" on State Street at Western Avenue.
- 6" on State Street, at Bailey Avenue.
- 2-6" on State Street, new line State House lawn.
- 4" on hydrant branch, State Street, opposite No. 139.
- 4" on hydrant branch, State Street, opposite State Library.

- 6" on hydrant branch, Barre Street at Main Street.
 4" on hydrant branch, Barre Street, opposite No. 39.
 4" on hydrant branch, Barre Street, opposite Hubbard
 Street.
 4" on hydrant branch, Berlin Street, opposite No. 51.
 4" on hydrant branch, Berlin Street, opposite No. 71.
 4" on hydrant branch, College Street, opposite No. 65.
 6" on hydrant branch, St. Paul Street, at Liberty Street

REPAIRS.

The following leaks have been repaired:

Supply mains.....	17
Service pipes.....	38
Hydrants.....	14
Gates.....	21
Watering troughs.....	4
Standpipes.....	3

PURIFICATION OF WATER.

During the latter part of the Summer it was decided, in the interest of Public Health, to install a Chlorination Plant and purify the water as a safeguard to the public. A Pitometer test was made to determine the rate of flow. As this plant is automatic, chlorine is injected into the system in proportion to the rate of flow. To know this rate of flow at all times it was necessary to install a Venturi Meter with recording device and charts to show amount of water flowing thru pipes.

This outfit is located on the main supply lines a short distance from the present gate house in a 10' x 12' brick building. The Venturi tube is installed and the concrete foundation for the building constructed. Owing to the late arrival of some of the large pipe fittings and brick, it was deemed advisable to wait until Spring before making final installation. The equipment is now all on hand, and most of the building material, so it will only require a short time to install when weather conditions are favorable.

This project is also in line with recommendations made by the State Board of Health some time ago.

IN GENERAL.

Our water supply reached its lowest point, for nearly three years, during December, it being fifty inches below the top of the at the old sawmill. This was caused mainly by the scarcity of rain during the Fall. That pumping did not have to be resorted to is attributed to three causes, namely:

The cleaning out of the channel above the old sawmill two years ago which allowed us to draw the pond down lower than generally; the rain and thaw on New Year's Day; the property owners who co-operated with this Department by having their fixtures repaired to prevent waste.

Necessary repairs have been made at the Gate House which consisted of putting in new sills, floor timbers and trap doors.

All necessary repairs and preparations were made at the Pumping Station to start pumping if occasion required.

The survey of Berlin Pond Reservoirs, and City land thereabouts, is practically completed and maps made of same.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand February 1, 1922.....	\$3,974.23
Hay sold (Berlin Pond).....	325.00
Old Ice House, Stewart Farm.....	5.00
Montpelier & Barre Light & Power Co., Part right-of-way near reservoir.....	1.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., Use of Boiler.....	6.78
Rent of land for mill (C. S. Field).....	12.00
Montpelier & Wells R. R., Freight rebate.....	2.64
Interest.....	131.05
New water connections (See "Services").....	40.00
Wood sold.....	4.50
Water rents.....	19,484.32
Water rent penalties.....	61.08
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Total income.....	\$24,047.60

CLASSIFIED EXPENSE FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION.

NEW MAINS AND EXTENSIONS.

Iron pipe and fittings.....	\$690.59
Gates and gate boxes.....	86.61
Lead and jute.....	49.00
Freight, express and trucking...	140.57
New tools and repairing.....	38.16
Labor.....	395.44
	————— \$1,400.37

SERVICES.

Pipe and fittings.....	\$ 93.27
Stop-cocks and lead connections	40.00
Repairs to tools.....	9.75
Freight, express and trucking...	43.32
Labor.....	176.60
	————— \$ 362.94

HYDRANTS.

New hydrants.....	\$ 168.16
Gates and boxes.....	69.75
Freight and trucking.....	53.25
Labor.....	129.75
	————— 420.91
Total.....	————— \$2,184.22

CLASSIFIED EXPENSE FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE.

REPAIRS ON MAINS.

Iron pipe and fittings.....	\$235.26
Gates and boxes.....	92.65
Lead and jute.....	21.00
Freight, express and trucking...	122.60
Labor.....	374.59
	————— \$846.10

REPAIRS ON SERVICES.

Pipe and fittings.....	\$629.67
Stop-cocks and lead connections.....	149.30
Repairing lead connections.....	14.75
New tools and repairing.....	96.44
Freight, express and trucking...	313.24
Thawing pipes.....	44.16
Labor.....	1,111.97
	————— \$2,359.53

HYDRANTS.

Hydrant parts.....	\$157.04
Gates and boxes.....	196.35
Freight, express and trucking...	79.83
Repairing parts.....	50.50
Labor.....	446.87
	————— \$930.59

STAND-PIPES AND WATERING TROUGHS.

Material.....	\$36.90
Trucking.....	29.00
Labor.....	115.62
	————— \$181.52

CARE OF RESERVOIRS AND GATE HOUSE.

Material.....	\$130.61
Trucking.....	135.20
Labor.....	295.39
	————— \$561.20

BERLIN POND.

Repairs to Pumping Station....	\$122.27
Cleaning up around pond.....	96.30
Surveying and map work.....	195.67
Trucking.....	73.75
	————— \$487.99
Total.....	————— \$5,366.93

PURIFICATION OF WATER.

Land purchased from T. W. Neill.....	\$250.00
Pitometer test.....	155.05
Venturi meter.....	1,220.00
Chlorination outfit.....	2,320.00
Pipe and fittings.....	484.06
Building material.....	468.80
Freight.....	5.59
Lead and jute.....	25.00
4 tanks of chlorine.....	103.70
Labor.....	435.34
	—————
	\$5,467.54

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Superintendent's salary.....	\$2,200.00
Auto upkeep (transportation).....	60.46
Stationery, printing and postage.....	89.25
Telephone and telegraph.....	153.00
Office supplies.....	16.00
Stenographic services.....	150.00
City Directory.....	6.00
Inventory and inspection.....	158.20
Insurance.....	55.90
Taxes, and rent of leased land.....	1,353.45
One horse purchased.....	225.00
Rebate (water rent).....	4.50
Locating lost shut-offs.....	154.96
	—————
	\$4,626.72

Total expense for year.....	\$17,645.41
Carried to Sinking Fund.....	1,000 00
Cash on hand February 1, 1923.....	5,402.19
	—————

Total.....	\$24,047.60
Water Department Inventory, equipment, tools, supplies, etc.....	\$11,500.00

RECOMMENDATIONS.

MAINS

That the 14" supply main, across the river, be replaced with a type of pipe suitable for river use with expansion joints on both sides of stream. This should be purchased early in the season and when river conditions are suitable installation can be made.

As recommended last year, the small wrought-iron main on Barre Street, that runs from the 14" main across the railroad crossings, causes much trouble and should be replaced.

The practice of installing more gates about the system should be continued so when it becomes necessary to shut off mains smaller sections will be affected.

SERVICES.

The practice of relaying service pipes should be continued especially where any permanent highway work is completed. Also on Barre Street, between Hubbard and Granite Streets, where many leaks occur.

HYDRANTS.

There are still many of the old hydrants that cause trouble and should be replaced at opportune times.

The practice of installing gates on hydrants branches should be continued until every one in the City is equipped.

IN GENERAL.

RESERVOIR.

It is recommended that the large reservoir and gate house be fenced in. This location is frequented by picnic parties and also small children.

The gate house should be painted this coming year to prevent deterioration.

WATER SUPPLY.

Water conditions during the past two months tend to show that what we need is storage for more water. It is hereby rec-

ommended that the City acquire the needed land rights and raise the dam at the old sawmill. Provision should be made to raise the Pond four feet but in all probability two feet is all that would be required for some time to come.

STREETS.

NEW CONSTRUCTION.

The following streets have been rebuilt during the past year:

Bailey Ave., State to Clarendon Ave.....	\$556.29
Berlin Hill, (part of).....	1,305.67
Clarendon Ave., Bailey Ave., westerly.....	266.74
College St., Kemp to Woodrow Ave.....	2,406.69
Court St., Elm to State House.....	447.51
East State St., West to College St.....	354.37
Elm St., State to Court St.....	245.09
First Ave., Hubbard to Ridge St.....	1,335.50
Fullerton Ave., Wilder Street southerly...	123.25
Kemp Ave., College to Sabin St.....	391.50
Liberty St., at Bingham St.....	334.58
Pearl St., Vine to Elm St. (graded).....	109.50
Ridge St., Tracy to Nelson St., (graded)...	224.98
School St., St. Paul to Loomis St.....	135.64
Wilder St., Hubbard to Fullerton Ave.....	420.00
Worcester Branch, beyond Pearl St.....	1,176.10
Total.....	\$9,833 41

MAINTENANCE.

Maintenance work consists of road machine work, honing, scarifying, reshaping and rolling, patching and cleaning streets, and all necessary work of this nature.

The following tabulation shows the work accomplished in this line:

Bingham Street.....	\$174 78
Barre Street.....	195 69

Bliss Road.....	\$ 10.50
Clay Hill.....	181.01
Town Hill Road.....	79.25
East Montpelier Road.....	109.50
Cemetery Street.....	11.00
Country Club Road.....	185.15
Cliff Street.....	172.92
Cutler's Cemetery Road.....	100.50
Center Street.....	16.33
Cherry Avenue.....	15.00
Cummins Street.....	8.00
Charles Street.....	7.75
Dwinell Street.....	4.08
Franklin Street.....	53.00
Foster Street.....	11.23
Guard Rails.....	25.00
Gallison Hill.....	15.50
Guernsey Avenue.....	60.00
Hillside Avenue.....	53.55
Hale Road.....	33.50
Hill Street.....	182.35
Hopkins Street.....	10.50
Hospital Road.....	6.59
Hinckley Street.....	14.25
Hillhead Street.....	11.00
Horn of Moon Road.....	46.01
Jordan Street.....	54.50
Junction Road.....	79.50
Loomis Street.....	5.15
Langdon Meadow Road.....	18.00
Marvin Street.....	22.50
Middlesex Center Road.....	105.00
McKinley Street.....	14.00
N. Franklin Street.....	6.33
Northfield Street.....	184.69
North Street.....	75.50
Prospect Street.....	35.06

Park Avenue.....	\$ 12.50
Phelps Street.....	31.49
River Street.....	589.17
School Street.....	135.64
Spring Street.....	113.25
Lower State Street.....	300.50
Skating rink.....	26.50
Sibley Avenue.....	30.50
Tremont Street.....	8.34
Terrace Street.....	17.00
Vine Street.....	4.75
Winooski Avenue.....	34.42
Walker Hill.....	108.44
Winter Street.....	4.75
Culverts.....	890.62
Elm Street Cemetery.....	28.50
Patching streets.....	1,243.94
Clean-up Campaign.....	243.20
Winter work, drawing snow, breaking, rolling roads.....	2,664.95
Cleaning streets and general maintenance...	4,959.29
Total.....	\$13,841.92

WALKS

TAR-CONCRETE.

Bailey Ave., from Baldwin St. to Clarendon Ave., 979 sq. yds.....	\$783.50
Terrace St., from Hopkins St. to past Blanchard's lot, 475 sq. yds.....	826.90
E. State St., from Main St. to Granite Wall, $517\frac{1}{2}$ sq. yds.	1,013.50
Peck Pl. from Franklin St. to End, 49 sq. yds.....	74.00
Liberty St., new work and patching, $252\frac{1}{2}$ sq. yds.....	447.85
St. Paul St., from School St. to Liberty St., $338\frac{1}{2}$ sq. yds.	599.36
First Ave., from Hubbard St. to Tremont St., $186\frac{1}{2}$ sq. yds.....	326.10
Hubbard St., from Barre St. to First Ave., 437 sq. yds.	726.73
Barre St., from Granite St. to No. 189, 209 sq. yds..	352.25

Spring St., from new work near Summer St., 42 sq. yds.	\$ 73.44
Pearl St., from Vine St. to part of No. 19, 174 $\frac{1}{6}$ sq. yds.	282.70
Winter St., from Summer St. to Pearl St., 122 $\frac{1}{2}$ sq. yds.	162.50
College St., from Kemp Ave. to Foster St., 144 sq. yds.	252.16
State St., at Pavilion, 80 sq. yds.....	100.00
Main St., from Iron bridge, 184 sq. yds.....	382.75

CEMENT CONCRETE

Clay Hill, 54 sq. yds.....	120.26
Baldwin St., from opposite National Life boiler house, 51.9 sq. yds.....	92.00
Western Ave., State St. northerly, 126.4 sq. yds.	224.10
State St., from Western Ave. westerly, 218.1 sq. yds...	287.04
Total sq. yds.....	4,641.07
 Total cost.....	\$7,127.14
Repairing old walks.....	3,523.74
Winter work, Sanding and Scraping.....	1,450
 Total expended on walks.....	\$12,100.88

BRIDGES.

The Old Lane Bridge (Mechanic Street) caved in early in the year and fell into the river. A modern bridge of steel construction on concrete abutments has been erected and is proving satisfactory.

Many of the other bridges have been replanked and necessary repairs made where needed.

The railings on Main Street Bridge are in a dangerous condition and should be repaired at once. This bridge, together with Granite Street bridge, should be painted to save deterioration.

The abutments under the bridge on East Montpelier Road are in a bad condition. Recent repairs made are only of a temporary nature. These should be faced with concrete when weather conditions are favorable.

The "Circus Bridge" so-called, to Langdon Meadow, went down the river last Summer with high water. I believe this makes

the fourth time a bridge has been lost at this location. If the City is to maintain a bridge at this location, year after year, it is time a suspension foot-bridge of a permanent nature was constructed.

Bridge expenditures have been, as follows:

Lane Bridge (Mechanic Street).....	\$4,147.85
Necessary repairs to other bridges.....	1,222.86
"Circus" bridge.....	60.00
Total.....	\$5,430.71

DUST-LAYING.

The dust nuisance has been abated during the past year to practically a minimum. A combination sprinkler and flusher was purchased and has proven entirely satisfactory. It covers a large ground area as a sprinkler and does equally good work in flushing. Many of the outside roads were treated with Calcium Chloride. This serves as a road preservative as well as a dust preventative. Most of the streets in the city proper, especially those rebuilt during 1921, were treated either with Chloride or Tarvia. A large amount of dust-layer will be required during the coming year if the "Dustless Streets" policy is to continue.

Expenditures are as follows:

"Tarvia B" and freight.....	\$1,834.20
Calcium Chloride and freight.....	2,768.93
Sand for covering.....	401.20
Teaming and labor.....	1,379.18
Registering sprinkler.....	20.00
Insurance on sprinkler.....	79.47
Total (Not including cost of Sprinkler).....	\$6,482.98

IN GENERAL.

Three new horses have been purchased, and two of the older ones put under the sod, during the past year. The City still owns one team that should be replaced by a younger pair.

Necessary repairs have been made to the buildings and equipment from time to time, all of which are in a very good condition at the present time.

The City maintains its own Repair Department for motor apparatus all of which (including Water Department truck) is under one mechanic. This has proven very efficient as good service has been maintained at a minimum expense.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Wagon sold.....	\$75.00
Insurance premiums refunded..	52.46
Culvert sold.....	24.00
Sale of crushed-stone.....	3,196.12
Manure sold.....	50.00
Use of teams.....	86.30
Bond Issue pay-roll.....	60.00
Scraping ice.....	2.67
Account, returned from pay-rolls.....	18.54
Resurfacing (State of Vermont)	440.97
	————— \$4,006.06

Dust-laying.

1921 assessment collected.....	\$82.34
1922 assessment collected.....	3,553.08
Received from State of Vermont	1,059.03
Calcium Chloride sold.....	226.42
	————— \$4,920.87

Sidewalks:

Old assessments collected.....	\$100.00
1922 assessment collected.....	688.58
	————— \$788.58

Bridges:

Lane Company, account Mechanic Street bridge.....	\$245.05
Received from Spark's Circus, account foot bridge.....	50.00
	—————
	\$295.05
Total receipts.....	\$10,010.56

EXPENDITURES.

New Construction, (see heading "New Construction" for items).....	\$9,833.41
Maintenance (See "Maintenance" heading for items)	13,841.92

Current Expense.

New Auto sprinkler and parts..	\$6,014.50
Freight and express.....	84.37
Telephone, postage and printing	115.26
Insurance.....	375.96
Licensing truck and tractor....	20.00
Lighting barn, lamps, etc.....	89.76
Repairing tools and machinery	490.44
Land damage.....	5.00
Three horses purchased.....	865.00
New road sweeper, drag and cart.....	138.03
Use of tarpaulins.....	24.00
New snow plows.....	189.52
Ice for season.....	22.02
Auto upkeep (transportation)	104.23
	—————
	8,538.09
Sidewalks.....	12,100.88
Bridges.....	5,430.71

Dust-laying (not including cost of sprinkler)-.....	\$ 6,482.98
Expended, crushing stone, to re- ceive income.....	3,391.00
Total expenditures, per Mayor's warrants.....	\$59,618.99
Less receipts.....	10,010.56
Net cost, Street Department, year ending Jan. 31, 1923..	\$49,608.43
Inventory of Streets, Equip- ment, Tools, Supplies, etc.	20,500.00

DISBURSEMENTS BY DEPARTMENTS.

	Gross	Less Income	Net
Streets.....	\$29,589.92	\$4,006.06	\$25,583.86
Dust-laying (includes sprink- ler).....	12,497.48	4,920.87	7,576.61
Sidewalks.....	12,100.88	788.58	11,312.30
Bridges.....	5,430.71	295.05	5,135.66
	\$59,618.99	\$10,010.56	\$49,608.43

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Barre Road, Lower State Street and Worcester Branch are badly in need of resurfacing and this should be done as soon as possible.

It is a recognized fact that our outside roads do not receive the attention they should under present methods. They can only be taken care of successfully by a regular patrol system. It is recommended that a "Fordson" tractor be purchased and this system started as soon as weather conditions permit. This tractor can also be used for various other purposes.

Patrol work should also be continued on our Tarvia streets.

Rebuilding retaining walls seem to be one of our problems this next year. The one on Court Street, opposite the Greenhouse,

is caving in and the sewer is going with it. Another one on Hill Street, abutting the property of Mary H. Slattery, has moved until it is doing material damage to the barn. Another location on Prospect Street requires a wall also to keep the street in passable shape. I recommend that these three projects be taken care of as soon as convenient.

The City has recently acquired an option on the "Lathrop Farm" in Berlin for gravel purposes. As the City has been greatly handicapped for the want of gravel, this land should be purchased. After reserving all sand and gravel rights the property can probably be disposed of again for one-half of the purchase price.

Most of the streets rebuilt this year should receive an application of binder early in the Spring.

A new storage shed should be built for housing equipment in the space between barn and foot of bank. All equipment should be kept under cover.

It is next to impossible to maintain our hilly streets and roads under present conditions. The gutters are constructed of soft materials and are easily washed out. Concrete curb and gutters should be constructed to take care of the water and then the street between the gutters can be built so it will last awhile and not wash out with the first rain.

I recommend that a start be made this coming year by constructing a concrete curb and gutter on East State Street. This street is used to a large extent and will tend to show the public the practicability of this type of construction.

BOND ISSUE.

In accordance with a decision of the voters at the last City Meeting, permanent roads were constructed from funds provided by the issuance of bonds.

All permanent construction was done by City forces under the direct supervision of the Engineering Department.

Reinforced-concrete paving was laid according to standard specifications on State Street, from the Pavilion to Bailey Avenue; on Berlin Street, from the Main Street bridge to Granite Street,

and on one side of Barre Street, from Main Street to the foot of the Hill at Hubbard Street.

On account of the character of the sub-grade on Barre Street, the slab was made thicker and extra precaution was taken to prevent cracking. The car tracks on this street had to be moved to obtain correct grade and alignment, and as the Traction Company was financially unable to do this work the City was obliged to take it over.

In order to eliminate many of the delays experienced the year before, a paving mixer and steel forms were purchased which can be used for future work.

New Concrete Curb was constructed on both sides of State Street, and on Barre Street, as far as the paving was completed.

All underground pipes, etc., were renewed or repaired previous to construction and should cause no trouble for some time to come.

SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED.

State Street

4,600 sq. yds. reinforced-concrete paving.

2,650 lineal feet concrete curb.

Extra work, approaches, etc.

Barre Street

1,331 sq. yds. reinforced-concrete paving.

891 linear feet concrete curb.

Extra work, approaches, etc.

Berlin Street

6,127 sq. yds. reinforced-concrete paving.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1922.....	\$688.21
Bath Portland Cement Company, bags re-turned.....	229.25
Borrowed from General Fund.....	12,627.66

Sale of bonds.....	\$41,213.40
Glens Falls Portland Cement Co., bags re-turned.....	1,823.80
Changes in pay-rolls.....	35.11
Freight rebated by Bridge and Property Departments.....	208.88
Sale of cement.....	383.60
Interest on deposit.....	56.66
State of Vermont, permanent work.....	1,000.00
State of Vermont, 5% money.....	519.59
From Water Fund for material and labor..	1,190.57
	—————\$59,976.73

EXPENDITURES.

State Street.

Reinforced-concrete paving:

Cement.....	\$4,295.20
Sand.....	977.81
Stone.....	2,014.99
Reinforcing and expansion material.....	880.90
Other supplies.....	368.09
Depreciation of tools and equipment.....	174.28
Roller.....	180.00
Labor.....	2,922.03
	—————\$11,813.30

Concrete curb:

Cement.....	\$467.60
Gravel.....	186.85
Lumber, curb bar, supplies, etc.....	407.51
Labor.....	1,078.99
	————— \$2,140.95

Extra work, approaches, etc:

Cement.....	\$242.45
Sand and stone.....	162.65
Labor.....	245.96
	————— \$651.06

Underground:

Material.....	\$961.99
Labor.....	1,794.01
	—————
	\$2,756.00

Barre Street.

Reinforced-concrete paving:

Cement.....	\$1,398.15
Sand.....	325.94
Stone.....	500.00
Reinforcing and expansion material.....	293.63
Other supplies.....	118.65
Depreciation of tools and equipment.....	56.33
Roller.....	83.48
Labor.....	1,222.84
	—————
	\$3,999.02

Concrete curb:

Cement.....	164.50
Gravel.....	68.25
Lumber, curb bar, supplies, etc.....	133.67
Labor.....	329.87
	—————
	\$696.29

Extra work:

Cement.....	\$17.55
Sand and stone.....	12.60
Labor.....	48.00
	—————
	\$78.15

Underground:

Material.....	\$460.52
Labor.....	628.67
	—————
	\$1,089.19

Berlin Street.

Reinforced-concrete paving:

Cement.....	\$5,732.35
Sand.....	1,135.75

Stone.....	\$2,669.49
Reinforcing and expansion material.....	1,116.90
Other supplies.....	431.03
Depreciation of tools and equipment.....	189.39
Roller.....	146.52
Labor.....	3,380.59
	—————\$14,802.02

Underground:

Material.....	\$2,187.53
Labor.....	1,268.23
	————— \$3,455.76

Material on hand:

Curb forms, curb bar etc.....	\$316.00
Paving mixer, steel forms, tools etc.....	1,488.00
	————— \$1,804.00

Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power Co.:

Barre Steret, moving rails:

Material.....	\$10.00
Roller.....	7.22
Labor.....	429.45
	————— \$446.67
Printing and advertising bonds.....	\$73.88
Cement sold, Water Department.....	315.00
Engineering and accounting.....	811.50
Sale of cement.....	383.60
Freight paid for Bridge and Property De- partments.....	208.88
Glens Falls Portland Cement Co., bags re- turned.....	1,823.80
Paid general fund.....	12,627.66
	————— \$16,214.32

Grand total.....	\$59,976.73
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UNCOLLECTED BILLS.

1921 Sidewalk Assessments unpaid.....	\$ 177.56
Due from Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power Co., granite block paving assess- ment, 1921.....	7,568.35
Due from Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power Co., State Street paving assess- ment, 1921.....	1,779.90
Due from Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power Co., Moving rails on Barre Street.....	446.67
Glens Falls Portland Cement Co., bags re- turned.....	150.00
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Total amount uncollected Feb. 1, 1923....	\$10,122.48
Amount due General Fund.....	880.91
Assets unavailable February 1, 1923.....	\$9,241.57

SEWER DEPARTMENT.

NEW SEWERS CONSTRUCTED.

COLLEGE STREET:

288 feet of 10" tile was laid to take in the new houses built on College Street.

The National Life Insurance Company were bothered with water in their new building. This was caused by the peculiar lay out of the city sewer around their location. An agreement was reached whereby a new sewer was installed on Baldwin Street, down Western Avenue across State Street, and to the river. The expense was borne jointly by the Insurance Company and the City. To do this it was necessary to lay 230 feet of 10" tile on Baldwin Street; 160 feet 10" on Western Avenue, and 308 feet of 12" tile from State Street to the river.

NEW CONNECTIONS.

E. E. Grahame Estate, 41 Hubbard Street.
Ruth Pike, 111 College Street.
Hattie M. Stoughton, 113 College Street.
Allen E. Lynch, 115 College Street.
Burton E. Beers, 472 Elm Street.

MAINTENANCE.

As usual the bulk of our sewer work is of this nature and will continue until an adequate system is installed.

All catch-basins have been located and records made of same. This will eliminate hunting for basins during the early Spring.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

New sewer connections (See "new connections" previous page)	\$50.00
Labor and supplies.....	21.48
Total.....	\$71.48

EXPENDITURES.

New Construction.

Tile, brick and cement.....	\$732.71
Trucking.....	50.45
Labor.....	475.60
	\$1,258.76

Maintenance.

Tile, brick and cement.....	\$216.17
Fire Department, hose.....	350.00
Trucking.....	151.37
Labor.....	3,112.97
	\$3,830.51

Total expenditures (per Mayor's warrants).....	\$5,089.27
Less income.....	71.48
Net expense to Jan. 31, 1923...	\$5,017.79

RECOMMENDATIONS.

As none of the recommendations made in the last Annual Report have been carried out, with the exception of building a few manholes and rebuilding a few catch-basins, the same recommendations are again being made this year.

SEWERS:

A new sewer should be constructed on Granite Street, from Barre Street to a point across the railroad tracks, to connect with a large sewer installed a few years ago. The same should then be extended on Barre Street to Sibley Avenue and thus eliminate many of the troubles experienced there.

The old cement sewer on Barre Street, between Hubbard and Main Streets, should be replaced with one of a larger size. This sewer, especially near Hubbard Street, is a source of much trouble.

CATCH BASINS (CHIMNEYS):

While many catch-basins have been rebuilt during the past year there still remains a large number that need rebuilding. As defective basins are a source of much trouble, it is recommended that this work of rebuilding continue.

MAN-HOLES:

It would be a wise move, from a financial standpoint, to build man-holes on our main sewers for cleaning and flushing purposes. It would not then be necessary to dig up half the street as is being done at the present time.

SEWER SURVEY:

While last—this is by no means the least of recommendations. All should realize that the time is not far off when our sewer system must be overhauled and a large part of it reconstructed. It is all the more necessary that a sewer survey be made now that

permanent streets are being constructed if the City wishes to obtain the best results at the least possible expense.

Inventory of tools, supplies, etc..... \$375.00

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

The main activities of this Department during the past year was the engineering work and supervision of the permanent road construction work noted under Bond Issue.

Lines and grades were also established for new walks and general street work where necessary.

A start has been made on what will ultimately be known as a "Plan Book". This book will contain a copy of all plans on file in this office, and on record in the City Clerk's office. Many of the old plans are in a dilapidated condition and require attention before copies can be made.

Not much has been done in establishing street lines as recommended in the last annual report. It is hoped that a start can be made this year if time and finances will permit.

The following expense was incurred in this Department:

Engineer's salary.....	\$600.00
Extra assistance.....	469.00
Supplies.....	72.21
Express.....	1.74
Total.....	\$1,142.95

In closing, I wish to extend to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and the various City Departments an expression of appreciation of their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN G. FERRY,

Commissioner Public Works.

January 31, 1923.

Report of CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To His Honor, The Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

I have the honor to submit to you my fifth report, for the period from January 31st, 1922 to January 31st, 1923, of the Fire Department of the City of Montpelier.

This report sets forth the expenditures of this Department the number of alarms; property at risk; insurance paid; personal loss; estimate property at risk; the strength and present condition of the Department with my recommendations for its future efficiency.

STATION

The Department rents a frame building on East State Street for fire headquarters, where the permanent force are stationed, also the following apparatus: one two-horse wagon equipped with eight hundred and fifty feet of two and one-half inch hose; four three gallon soda and acid hand extinguishers; two pyrene guns; one cellar pipe; two Grager respirators; thirty-nine feet of ladders and other small tools; a Motor Fire truck equipped with one thousand feet of two and one-half inch hose; two soda and acid extinguishers; two pyrene guns; one Drager pulmotor; one nine-foot life net; two Morgan smoke helmets; forty-one feet of ladders and other small tools. All extra hose and equipment are stored in this building.

The hook and ladder truck, which is drawn by one of the Street Department teams, is stored in the building built for the purpose at the City barn.

The hand engine is stored under an open shed at the City barn.

HOSE

The Department has on hand thirty-six hundred feet of two and one-half inch rubber lined double jacket hose in good condition.

HORSES

The Department owns two horses, which are kept at Fire Headquarters and are well trained for the work.

During this past season the Fire Department horses, with a driver, have sprinkled the streets bringing the Fire Department a credit of \$159.00.

COST OF MAINTAINING THE DEPARTMENT

The cost of maintaining the Department during the period ending January 31st, 1923, was \$10,915.52. Credit by supplies and of sprinkling streets, \$516.65, making a net cost of \$10,398.87.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

The cost of maintaining the Fire Alarm System the past year was a total of \$12.83.

ALARMS

During the period from January 31st, 1922 to January 31st, 1923, the Department has responded to sixty-five alarms; seven bell alarms; and fifty-eight still alarms.

<i>Insurance Paid</i>	<i>Personal Loss</i>	<i>Estimated Property Risk</i>
\$5,707.60	\$650.00	\$200,200.00

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that a pair of horses be purchased for use at the Fire Station to replace the pair that are now doing duty. I also recommend the purchase of one thousand feet of two and one-half inch rubber lined double jacket hose.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Expenditures.

Sundry Permanent Supplies.....	\$ 1,747.61
Repairs and Labor.....	193.21
Current supplies.....	190.92
Telephone.....	54.85
Steam whistle.....	100.02
Lighting and lamps.....	66.06
Pay-roll (regular Force).....	6,067.72
Pay-roll (Call Men).....	1,107.35
Pay-roll (Fire Police).....	14.00
Laundry.....	45.25
Insurance.....	104.05
Pool Table.....	10.00
Fire Service.....	2.50
Forage, shoeing and Veterinary services.....	321.71
Rent and storage.....	443.75
Fuel.....	433.69
Maintenance Fire Alarm System.....	12.83
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- Total expenditures.....	\$ 10,915.52

Credit

Supplies returned.....	\$ 4.38
H. C. Gleason, overpaid.....	.57
Repair on Extinguisher.....	2.70
Use of Horses, sprinkling.....	159.00
Sewer Dept., Hose.....	350.00
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	\$ 516.65
Net expense January 31st, 1923.....	\$ 10,398.87

This, my fifth report, I desire to extend to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Officers and members of this Department; also to the Police and Water Department, generally, an expression of appreciation of their co-operation at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

V. B. PERSONS,

Chief of Fire Department.

February 1st, 1923.

Report of BUILDING INSPECTOR

To His Honor The Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

I have the honor to submit my fifth report for this department for the year ending January 31st, 1923.

Following is a list of permits granted during this period of time for new buildings, repairs in each ward.

Shingling.....	71
Barn.....	1
General repairs.....	51
Garage.....	17
Veranda.....	1
Addition.....	1
Houses.....	4
Henhouses.....	5
Repairing chimneys.....	3
Storage.....	1
Dry cleaning.....	1
Granite Plant.....	1
Dormer windows.....	2
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Total.....	159

Respectfully submitted,

V. B. PERSONS,

Building Inspector.

February 1st, 1923.

Report of WIRE INSPECTOR

To His Honor The Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

I have the honor to submit the report of this Department for the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1923.

During this period we have made seventy-eight inspections of buildings in the process of being wired for electricity.

Of these there have been sixty-one complete installations and seventeen alterations and repairs.

We have not insisted on permits for the smaller jobs of repair work, but all have been duly inspected.

Respectfully submitted,

V. B. PERSONS,

Wire Inspector.

Report of CHIEF OF POLICE.

To The Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

I herewith present my report, as Chief of Police for the City of Montpelier, for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1923.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Amounts of warrants drawn by Mayor.	\$ 5,080.57
Payrolls.....	\$ 4,590.00
Miscellaneous expense.....	490.57 \$ 5,080.57
Total expenditures.....	\$ 5,080.57
Received from State of Vermont, account Police fee \$169.85	
Received from State of Vermont, account special police, during strike.....	\$202.66 \$ 372.51
Net cost.....	\$ 4,708.06

SUMMARY

Salaries of Chief and regular Patrolmen:

P. J. Connolly, Chief.....	\$ 1,456.00
E. D. Sloan, (including bonus)...	1,244.00
F. B. Baldwin, (including bonus). .	1,244.00 \$ 3,944.00

Salaries special police for year..... 342.00

Salaries special police, guarding stonesheds during labor trouble..... 304.00

Total salaries for year..... \$ 4,590.00

Miscellaneous expense:

Supplies and repairs.....	\$	41.50
Telephone.....		18.00
Killing and disposing of dog.....		1.50
Livery.....		10.00
New Uniforms.....		351.19
Services, William Carbo (drowning accident, R. Poulin).....		9.00
Cleaning uniforms.....		3.00
Caps and wreath.....		39.18
City Directory.....		6.00
Road Map.....		1.95
Postage.....		5.00
Printing signs.....		4.25 \$ 490.57

Total expense for year ending January

31, 1923.....\$ 5,080.57

Inventory of personal property.....175.00

The Police Department has consisted, for the year ending January 31, 1923, of the Chief of Police, two regular patrolmen and six special officers.

CAUSES OF ARREST

Intoxication.....	60
Breach of peace.....	13
Selling liquor.....	7
Larceny.....	5
Reckless driving.....	3
Adultery.....	2
Rape.....	1
Operating automobile while intoxicated.....	3
Burglary.....	1
Vagrancy.....	1
Operating automobile without a license.....	1
For not keeping house and barn clean.....	1

For not having light on team at night.....	1
For selling milk without a license.....	1
Delinquent child.....	1
Number of arrests.....	101

(for year ending January 31, 1923)

Respectfully submitted,

P. J. CONNOLLY,

Chief of Police.

January 31, 1923.

Report of OVERSEER OF POOR.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

I herewith present a statement of my account, as Overseer of Poor, from January 31st, 1922 to the end of the fiscal year, January 31st, 1923:

Debit

Total expenditures.....	\$ 16,563.59
Advanced by Treasurer.....	500.00
Amounts of warrants drawn by Mayor	\$ 17,063.59

Credits

Expense of maintaining Farm.....	\$ 7,258.04
Improvements to buildings.....	498.37
Expense of poor not at farm.....	8,149.44
Overseer's salary.....	600.00
Transients.....	31.24
Office expense.....	26.50
Amount paid Treasurer (money advanced).....	500.00 \$ 17,063.59

SUMMARY

Expense of running City Farm:

Caretakers.....	\$ 840.00
Matron.....	480.00
Regular farm labor.	624.00

Extra farm labor....	\$ 304.54
Extra labor at house	25.00
Supplies and labor...	259.78
Clothing.....	89.12
Telephone.....	23.68
Repairs.....	128.82
Feed.....	948.77
Fuel.....	822.97
Veterinary service..	41.50
Provisions.....	1,087.45
Blacksmithing.....	95.85
Manure.....	50.00
Medicines.....	25.68
Water rent.....	13.25
Doctor's service....	70.50
Auto service.....	15.00
Insurance.....	217.78
Phosphate.....	77.75
Four cows purchased	375.00
One bull calf (Pure Bred).....	37.50
One yearling bull....	25.00
One pair harnesses..	78.59
Two cows.....	130.00
Argus Subscription.	5.00
House furnishings....	243.00
Tools purchased....	122.50
	\$ 7,258.04

Less income from Farm, produce sold.....	\$ 1,635.52
Income from farm, ac- count boarders.....	813.00
Net expense of City Farm.....	\$ 4,809.52

Expense of poor not at Farm.....	\$ 8,149.44
Income from other Towns, for support of their poor.....	1,100.99
Net expense of poor not at Farm.	\$ 7,048.45

Miscellaneous expense:

Improvements to property.....	\$ 498.37
Overseer's salary....	600.00
Office expense.....	26.50
Transients.....	31.24
Paid Treasurer, money advanced	500.00 \$ 1,656.11

Miscellaneous Income:

Cows sold.....	\$ 135.00
Labor.....	36.51
Money advanced by Treasurer.....	500.00
Interest on deposits.	1.00 \$ 672.51
	\$ 983.60

Net cost of Poor Department from January 31, 1922 to January 31, 1923.....	\$ 12,841.57
Actual Income.....	\$ 3,722.02
Money advanced...	500.00
Total amount paid Treasurer....	\$ 4,222.02

We have examined the foregoing accounts of B. W. Daniels, Overseer of the Poor, and found the same correct with the proper vouchers for the expenditures therein contained.

L. H. BIXBY,
F. R. PITKIN,
C. R. LYONS,
Auditors.

February 1, 1923.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT FARM

Four two-year old heifers.....	\$ 200.00
One pure bred bull calf.....	50.00
Three heifer calves.....	30.00
One yearling bull.....	35.00
Ten cows.....	850.00
Two horses.....	550.00
One hog.....	40.00
Ten pigs.....	100.00
Fifty hens.....	60.00
Thirty-five tons hay.....	700.00
Four tons straw.....	40.00
Two hundred bushel corn.....	100.00
Fifteen hundred lbs., grain.....	35.00
Seventy-five bushel potatoes.....	75.00
Forty tons ensilage.....	125.00
Two tons coal.....	32.00
Seventeen cords of wood.....	240.00
One lumber wagon.....	60.00
One set sleds—two bodies.....	75.00
One plow.....	25.00
Three sets harnesses.....	100.00
One separator.....	40.00
One washing machine.....	100.00
One two-horse wagon.....	25.00
Two wagon bodies.....	25.00
One hay tedder.....	25.00
One mowing machine.....	65.00
One cultivator.....	5.00
House furnishing.....	850.00
Desk for office.....	35.00
Three hundred lbs., beef.....	25.00
Total personal property.....	\$ 4,717.00
Estimated value of real estate.....	20,000.00

COST OF KEEPING POOR AT CITY FARM

Receipts

Income from farm produce.....	\$ 1,635.52
Board paid.....	813.00
Labor.....	36.51
Gain on inventory of personal property.....	175.67
Produce raised and consumed.....	1,000.00
	\$ 3,660.70

Expenditures

Maintenance of farm and house.....	\$ 7,258.04
Insurance on property.....	217.78
Improvements on property.....	498.37
	\$ 7,974.19
Gross total.....	\$ 7,974.19
Less receipts.....	3,660.70
	\$ 4,313.49

At the present time there are fifteen inmates at the City Farm. The greatest number has been seventeen and the smallest, thirteen.

The total attendance at the farm equaled 741 weeks of actual board furnished inmates, or a net cost per person per week of \$5.82. We have quite a large item for improvements on farm buildings as extensive repairs have been made in the laundry and dwelling part of the house. Ventilation has been installed in the barn.

This department has given night lodging to 178 transients; 38 patients have been given treatment at Heaton Hospital; 4 at Washintgon County Hospital; 1 at Pittsford Sanatorium; 5 have been committed to the Vermont Industrial School; 2 at the Home

for Feeble Minded; 5 at the Waterbury Hospital; 1 child has been adopted; 2 have been turned over to the State Board of Charities; 2 mothers have been given the benefit of the Mothers' Aid Law by the Board of Charities.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. DANIELS,

Overseer.

Report of DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with the Statutes and custom, I respectfully submit herewith a report of the transactions of the Health Department for the fiscal year 1922.

City of Montpelier 1922.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

There were 134 cases reported as against 183 for 1921 and 399 for the year 1920. This reduction in the number of contagious diseases is not confined to this community alone, as my general report covering 34 towns shows 1082 diseases less than the year of 1920.

There was received ten calls for consultations from local Physicians, and twenty-four visits to quarantined families.

197 samples of water were submitted to the laboratory for analysis, of which 89 showed B. Coli., were present.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES REPORTED

Whooping cough.....	65
Measles.....	1
Mumps.....	28
Chicken pox.....	7
German measles.....	0
Scarlet fever.....	23
Diphtheria.....	4
Poliomyelitis.....	0
Influenza.....	0
Typhoid fever.....	1

Pneumonia.....	5
Small pox.....	0
Total.....	134

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

No. of births reported during the year of 1922:

Male.....	86
Female.....	57
	143

No. of deaths reported during the year of 1922:

Male.....	42
Female.....	29
	71

Sanitary inspections.....	22
Houses quarantined.....	86
Visits to quarantined families.....	24
Nuisances investigated.....	10

Respectfully submitted

CLARENCE H. BURR, M. D.

Report of SANITARY INSPECTOR.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

I hereby submit my annual report as sanitary inspector for the year ending February 1st, 1922.

MILK SUPPLY

Certified milk is now supplied by 62 dairies comprising 710 milking cows with a daily production of 4,133 quarts and 151 quarts of cream.

Three licenses have been granted to distributers of milk who do not have a dairy of their own.

Recommendations relating to white-washing of buildings, and replacing of dairy utensils, worn out or dirty have been complied with. Very few complaints regarding our milk supply have come to my attention.

SANITATION

All complaints in regard to handling of garbage and nuisances have been investigated and satisfactorily adjusted, on the whole a marked improvement over the previous year is recognized.

I desire to express my appreciation of the support and advice extended me by the City Council in the discharge of my duties, and to the public in general for its many courtesies.

Number of dairies inspected.....	62
Number of re-inspections.....	6
Number of samples of milk and cream for analysis.....	51
Number of meat carts inspected.....	5
Number of re-inspections.....	4

Number of bakeries inspected.....	3
Number of re-inspections.....	9
Number of hotels inspected.....	3
Number of re-inspections.....	9
Number of restaurants inspected.....	3
Number of re-inspections.....	9
Number of lunch-carts inspected.....	2
Number of re-inspections.....	6
Number of complaints investigated.....	85
Number of sanitary inspections.....	213
Number of fish markets inspected.....	2
Number of re-inspections.....	8
Number of samples of water collected for analysis.....	223

Respectfully submitted,

ROSEMARY J. HARMON,

Sanitary Inspector.

Report of CITY ATTORNEY

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Montpelier:

The work of this department during the past year has been unusual, both in amount and in importance. In addition to the ordinary run of activity—such as commitments of insane and feeble-minded dependents, attention to ordinance violations, giving opinions on law, preparing contracts, investigating titles of city lands, etc.—special reference should be made to the following:

MILK DEALERS:

The attempt by the City to insure to the people pure milk and cream, by requiring milk dealers to dispense only the product of accredited animals, has been generally successful. As anticipated in my last annual report, the prosecution of the dealer there referred to, resulting in his acquittal by jury, in no way determined the validity in law of the City's ordinance. Notwithstanding that result, therefore, all known dealers, not a few of whom had failed to take out licenses, were required to do so in compliance with the ordinance. Although the question of the tuberculin test in divers aspects is before the present Legislature, nothing has come to my attention warranting a recommendation relaxing our present requirements.

MOTOR BUSSES:

Within recent years there has developed the business of common carriers of passengers by automobile on the highways, operating between the City and more or less distant places outside. Conveying large numbers of passengers, running on schedule

over regular routs, and usually owned and operated by outside interests, the business is quite distinct from that of local automobile hackmen, who operate under wholly different conditions and are not common carriers of passengers. The latter are licensed without special restrictions. The former are more like a street railway and may properly be licensed only upon compliance with requirements, looking to the public good having regard to the nature of the business and the manner and means of its conduct.

Upon these valid considerations, an ordinance was enacted to license the owners and drivers of motor busses, to regulate their fees and prescribe their duties, and to control the operation of such vehicles. Prior to its passage no opposition to the ordinance appeared from any quarter. Subsequently, however, protests arose, not only from those engaged in the business, but also from certain local interests. Then, too, in view of the territorial extent of the traversed routes, covering many other municipalities in the state, it seemed a specially appropriate subject of general state regulation, notwithstanding the undoubted right of the City to control the operation of vehicles on its own highways. The Legislature, now in session, was soon to convene, and in all the circumstances it seemed wise to repeal the ordinance, in the hope that the matter would be dealt with adequately by general law. I have not yet learned of any proposed legislation to that end. I have submitted the matter to the Secretary of State, however, outlining its importance and suggesting the propriety of his initiative in proposing suitable legislation.

BALDWIN STREET.

The street extending northwesterly from Bailey Avenue in extension of Baldwin Street has for years been known and designated as Baldwin Street. No record of its laying out as a public highway could be found, however; and now, after extended negotiations with the owners, the heirs of Charles A. Reed, (see my report for the year 1919-1920) they have given the land to the City for highway purposes as an extension or continuation of Baldwin Street. As soon as the line and grade are established

and any necessary construction completed formal certificate should be made by the City Council, and recorded, that such highway is open for the use of the public.

ORDINANCES.

In 1919 this department submitted a complete revision of the City Ordinances. (See my reports for the years 1919-1920 and 1920-1921). The proposed revision has more recently been awaiting examination and adoption by the City Council until the charter provisions, respecting the enactment of ordinances, are simplified. To that end a bill, approved by the City Council, has been prepared and presented to the Legislature. The charter provisions referred to have been of doubtful interpretation and, especially in a general revision of the whole body of ordinances, would require large expenditure of money in publication. Judging from experience, such expenditure is greatly disproportionate to the benefit derived from such publication. By the proposed amendment, in the enactment of ordinances generally, a proposed ordinance, when presented, will be published by its title only, and when adopted, in full. In the enactment and general revision of a body of ordinances, as is contemplated in the proposed revision, suitable notice of presentation is given by publication and a copy is made available at the City Clerk's office for examination pending adoption; and printed copies of the complete compilation, when passed and before taking effect, will be available for distribution to adult inhabitants upon application at the City Clerk's office. There has been no general revision of the ordinances since 1901, and, with this amendment effected, the work should receive the early attention of the new City Council.

BARRE & MONTPELIER TRACTION & POWER CO.

The greatest burden of the year's work has related to the Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power Company. Under its franchise with the City, the Company is required to bear the expense of highway construction between its rails and for two feet outside thereof. The Company's share of the expense of the

permanent highway work on Main and State Streets in 1920 was \$9,348.25. Failing to make payment, action was brought against the National Surety Company, surety on the Company's \$10,000 bond, as stated in my last annual report. Trial by jury in County Court resulted in a verdict for the City for the full amount, with interest, in all \$9,593.45. The case was taken to Supreme Court by defendant, where it has been argued and decision is pending.

The chief contention related to the fact that during the progress of the work the Traction Company was in the hands of a receiver, it being claimed by the defendant that therefore it was not liable under its bond. With the City's claim on the bond not finally determined, it seemed wise not to rest the claim wholly on the bond, but to pursue also its remedy as a creditor in the receivership proceedings; and the claim was there pressed as having preference to other claims, inasmuch as it arose out of a condition of the franchise, which lies at the foundation of the Company's right to existence as a going concern. In this litigation in the Court of chancery it was necessary to encounter and contend with the claims of all other creditors, from the trustee of the bondholders down through those claiming preferences on various grounds. The matters in the receivership proceedings have been fully submitted and are pending decision by Chancellor Wilson.

This litigation relating to the Traction Company, in all its aspects, has required a large amount of time and the most exacting service. Of course, the City can have but one recovery. If its judgment against the Surety Company is affirmed, the City will not further press its claim in the receivership.

In conclusion, I take this occasion to express my great appreciation of the unfailing support and co-operation of Mayor Lillie and his associates on the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. HUNT,

City Attorney

February 1, 1923.

**Report of
COMMISSIONERS OF
GREEN MOUNT CEMETERY.**

Honorable City Council:

The commissioners of Green Mount Cemetery herewith present the annual report of collections, disbursements, and investments for the year ending Feb. 1, 1923.

The cost of building and rebuilding lots, \$1,000; repairing, regrading and cleaning monuments that are under perpetual care, \$500; repairing and filling in streets and roadways, \$300; one thousand feet of cement gutter, \$60. Seventeen lots were placed under endowment for perpetual care and some sixty new lots made ready for sale.

The commissioners have under contemplation making a new entrance at the northeast corner of the cemetery and by an easy grade reach the road on the hill near the Fisher lot, thereby making it possible for many desirable lots.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL ACCOUNT

Debit

1923

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1922.....	\$ 3,053.47
Amount received from care of lots etc.	2,209.43
Amount received from lots sold.....	477.50
Amount received from trust funds....	3,254.37 \$ 8,994.77

Credit

Paid out for labor on lots, roads, etc...	\$ 5,301.88
Paid out for material and supplies....	364.04
Paid out for water rent.....	100.00
Paid out for telephone.....	21.00
Paid out for light.....	6.00
Paid out for insurance.....	13.00
Paid back to City Treas. account.....	194.08
Balance cash on hand in name T. R. Merrill, Treas.....	2,994.77 \$ 8,994.77

THE ANNIE F. EATON FUND

Debit

To amount of fund created Oct. 16.	
1902.....	200.00
Income to Jan. 1, 1923.....	224.98 \$ 424.98

Credit

By deposit in book No. 21775.....	424.98 \$ 424.98
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THE J. R. LANGDON FUND

Debit

To amount of fund created April 1, 1899.....	\$ 3,000.00
Income to Jan. 1, 1923.....	\$ 2,725.14

Credit

By deposit in book No. 18879.....	\$ 5,725.14
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TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

1922

Feb.	1	To amount of fund.....	\$ 50,850.15
	4	To Gertrude M. Leland..	100.00
	13	W. H. Lombard.....	150.00
	18	Mary F. Colton.....	200.00
Mar.	18	Alta H. Hollis.....	150.00
April	20	Clara H. Shedd.....	200.00
May	23	Julia F. Hauxhurst, Est.....	250.00
	23	Julius Perrin.....	150.00
	23	Carrie Nichols.....	100.00
July	24	C. W. Keyes, Est.....	200.00
	24	Julius P. Knapp.....	100.00
Aug.	7	Mrs. Julia B. Rolean...	200.00
Nov.	4	Chas. T. Sabin.....	200.00
	13	P. D. Edgerley.....	100.00
	17	Lyman G. Camp & M. C. King.....	300.00
Jan.	8	Harvey King.....	150.00
	8	Edward M. Nichols...	100.00
	8	O. D. Scribner (addi- tional).....	200.00
			\$ 53,700.15

INVESTMENTS

James H. Ware, loan.....	\$ 3,000.00
Joseph Rarick, loan.....	2,500.00
William C. Miller, loan.....	600.00
O. S. Strumme, loan.....	1,500.00
W. R. McFerron, loan.....	3,800.00
Jesse F. Dudley, loan.....	1,400.00
King County, bonds.....	2,000.00
Seattle, bonds.....	2,000.00
Willoughby, bonds.....	3,000.00

Great Britain and Ireland.....	\$3,000.00
Adair, bonds.....	1,000.00
Abe Tyson, loan.....	3,000.00
U. S. 1st Liberty Bonds.....	8,100.00
U. S. 2nd Liberty Bonds.....	4,550.00
U. S. 3rd Liberty Bonds.....	1,000.00
U. S. 4th Liberty Bonds.....	50.00
M. A. Neal, loan.....	3,000.00
Travis J. Cowan, loan.....	2,300.00
Balance cash in book No. 20305.....	7,900.15 \$ 53,700.15

The foregoing is a just and true account according to my best knowledge and belief.

WARREN B. LOWE

Treasurer.

We have examined the accounts of the treasurer of the Cemetery and find correct with proper vouchers.

A. D. FARWELL,
GEORGE L. BLANCHARD,
WILLIAM S. SMITH,
L. B. BROOKS,
J. M. BOUTWELL,

Commissioners.

Audited Feb. 7, 1923, and found correct.

LEVI H. BIXBY,
FRANK R. PITKIN,
CHAS. R. LYONS.

Auditors.

**Report of
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.**

February 1, 1923.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

RECEIPTS

Cash in hands of Park Board Feb. 1, 1922.....	\$ 211.05
Received from land rents.....	19.50
Received from City Treasurer.....	1,369.75
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	\$ 1,600.30

DISBURSEMENTS

Voucher No. 1, M. A. Nelson, fence posts.....	\$ 9.15
Voucher No. 2, Montpelier Ice Co., labor.....	35.60
Voucher No. 3, Dwinell Hardware Co.	22.32
Voucher No. 4, Argus & Patriot Co...	4.50
Voucher No 5, M. A. Nelson.....	12.39
Voucher No. 6, Berger Manufactur- ing Co.....	51.74
Voucher No. 7, City of Montpelier, culverts.....	24.20.
Voucher No. 8, Freight and cartage...	7.42
Voucher No. 9, H. Worthen, labor....	11.17
Voucher No. 10, H. Worthen, labor...	24.00
Voucher No. 11, H. Worthen, labor...	16.33
Voucher No. 12, Capital Hardware Co.....	2.50
Voucher No. 13, G. F. Taylor, labor...	12.50
Voucher No. 14, Capital Hardware Co.....	8.92

Voucher No. 15, M. A. Nelson.....	\$ 3.70
Voucher No. 16, U. S. Clothespin Co...	2.50
Voucher No. 17, C. Hennecke Co., seats.....	20.00
Voucher No. 18, H. Worthen, labor ..	39.01
Voucher No. 19, U. S. Clothespin Co...	3.25 \$ 311.20
Balance cash on hand February 1, 1923	\$ 1,289.10

PARK FUND STATEMENT FROM CITY TREASURER

Park fund principal invested in U. S. bonds, (par \$12,000) second issue $4\frac{1}{4}\%$, due 1927-42, cost.....	\$ 10,960.37
Uninvested cash principal on deposit by city treasurer.....	339.63
	\$ 11,300.00
Income from funds in hands of city treasurer.....	\$ 549.84
Cash in hands of Park Commission treasurer.....	1,289.10 1,838.94
Park fund principal.....	\$ 11,300.00
Unused income.....	1,838.94 \$ 13,138.94

The expenditures during 1921-22 were confined to repairs and maintenance of the roadways and culverts, fences, and park benches. Work on the observation tower was deferred for another year, and will be resumed during 1923.

H. M. CUTLER,
Treasurer.

A. D. FARWELL,
H. J. M. JONES,
W. H. HERRICK,
ROBERT BLISS,
H. M. CUTLER,
Commissioners.

We have examined the foregoing account of the treasurer of the Park Board, and find proper vouchers for each expenditure, with cash in bank to balance.

FRANK R. PITKIN,
CHARLES R. LYONS,

Auditors.

Report of DIRECTORS OF HEATON HOSPITAL.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

The Board of Directors of Heaton Hospital present the following financial and statistical report covering the affairs of that Institution for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1923.

The number of patients treated during the year was 890, an increase of 57 over the previous year. The average stay of each patient was 14.28 days, almost the same as the previous year. The total number of days service was 12,701, an increase of 817 over last year. The average number of patients per day was 35. Last year it was 32.6. The births numbered 82, a decrease of 8. The death rate of all patients treated in the Hospital was 3.3%. Last year it was 5.5%. Excluding cases moribund on entering, the death rate was 2.3%. The cost of operation was considerable larger than last year, because of an unusual amount being spent for repairs and improvements in the plant. This increased expense brought the cost per patient day up to \$3.12, an increase of 27c from the previous year.

The endowment funds of the Institution were increased by a gift of \$2,000. from a Montpelier woman who wishes her identity to remain unknown. A small balance remaining in the treasury of the Volunteer Hose Company was paid over, increasing the fund, standing in the name of that organization, by \$16.83. The Estate of the late Willis Blanchard has not been settled, and the Hospital has not yet come into the possession of the Alice Kinsman Blanchard fund. Mrs. Mary J. Sibley, widow of Andrew J. Sibley, the former Treasurer of the Hospital, passed away in August last, and as the Hospital is residuary legatee of both Estates, a very considerable sum of money will soon come into the hands of the Institution.

The Institution has received the hearty support of the Ladies Aid Society. The Society still continues the work of supplying all linens, bed garments, and like materials, and has never failed to respond to any request that has been made.

Heaton Hospital has been placed upon the list of accredited Hospitals by the American College of Surgeons. The untiring service rendered by the Superintendent, Miss Katherine Crozier, has made it possible for the Institution to come up to the requirements insisted upon by that Association. The Superintendent has received the warm support of the Medical and Surgical Staff in her endeavors to attain this result. The Directors are fortunate in being able to retain the services of Miss Crozier. Ceaseless efforts are made to keep the plant in a high state of efficiency and no necessary expense is spared to achieve this object.

RECEIPTS

February 1, 1922, cash balance.....	\$ 1,304.24
Received from patients.....	33,156.19
City of Montpelier.....	3,000.00
X-Ray Apparatus.....	\$1,074.90
Less cost of operation.....	621.03 453.87
Interest from Endowment Funds.....	3,589.93
Contribution, Box at Hospital.....	18.51

	\$ 41,522.74

DISBURSEMENTS

Repairs to buildings.....	\$ 2,033.07
Furniture and repairs on furniture.....	3,389.07
Insurance.....	419.79
Drugs and medicines.....	698.69
Medical and Surgical supplies.....	2,182.30
Hospital supplies.....	1,541.37
Food.....	10,271.61
Fuel.....	3,496.72
Lighting.....	631.41

Teaming and trucking.....	\$ 170.79
Janitor service.....	3,152.89
Kitchen service.....	1,946.89
Laundry service and supplies.....	2,391.85
Salaries—management, nurses.....	5,512.04
Office expense.....	1,415.89
City of Montpelier water tax.....	50.00
Miscellaneous expense.....	282.80
January 31, 1923 cash balance.....	1,935.56
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	\$ 41,522.74

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Wilbur F. Braman Fund.....	\$ 30,000.00
Ira Calef Fund.....	40,000.00
E. W. Bailey and L. D. Taft Fund.....	6,000.00
Mary E. Taft Fund.....	1,050.00
Mary W. Dewey Fund.....	4,747.25
Mary E. Lewis Fund.....	2,000.00
Ida Reed Fund.....	1,400.00
Volunteer Hose Company Fund.....	1,016.83
J. Edward Wright Fund.....	1,000.00
Mahlon Taplin Fund.....	300.00
Moses Morey Fund.....	169.00
Alice Taft Fund.....	500.00
Gift from an unknown.....	2,000.00
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	\$ 90,183.08

INVESTMENT OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Adel Iowa Bonds at par.....	\$ 5,000.00
Brazil bonds at par.....	2,000.00
Canadian No. Ry. bonds at par.....	1,000.00
Fannin Co. Texas bonds at par.....	500.00
Grand Trunk Pacific bonds at par.....	1,944.00
Halifax N. S. bonds at par.....	3,000.00
Hydro Electric Ont. bonds at par.....	10,000.00

Maisonneuve P. Q. bonds at par.....	\$ 1,000.00
Metropolitan West Side bonds at par.....	7,000.00
Montpelier, Vt. bonds at par.....	5,000.00
No. New Brunswick & S. Ry. bonds at par.....	13,000.00
Toronto Harbor Ont., bonds at par.....	22,000.00
Toronto, Ont., bonds at par.....	1,946.67
American Fidelity Co., stock.....	575.35
First mortgages real estate.....	16,100.00
Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Co., cash.....	117.06
	\$ 90,183.08

HOSPITAL STATISTICS

Number of patients in Hospital Feb. 1, 1922.....	42
Patients admitted to Feb. 1, 1923.....	848
Patients treated.....	890
Patients in Hospital Feb. 1, 1923.....	28
Total days stay of patients.....	12,701
Average number of patients per day...	35
Average day stay of patients.....	14.28
Births.....	82
Deaths (Institutional).....	20
Deaths (within 48 hours of admission).....	9
Death rate of all patients admitted....	3.3
Surgical cases.....	428
X-Rays.....	147
Operating cost.....	\$ 39,587.18
Daily cost per patient.....	3.12

CITY PATIENTS

Number of Patients in Hospital Feb. 1, 1922.....	5
Patients admitted to Feb.1, 1923.....	32
Patients treated.....	37
Patients in Hospital Feb. 1, 1923.....	5
Total days stay of patients.....	993
Average days stay of patients.....	26.4

Deaths.....	\$	0
Surgical operations.....		12
X-Rays.....		5
City appropriation.....	\$	3,000.00
Cost of city patients to Hospital.....		3,098.16

Respectfully submitted

CHARLES H. HEATON
WALLACE G. ANDREWS
CHARLES D. MATHER
MARSHALL L. WOOD
LUCIUS D. TAFT
JAMES M. BOUTWELL
ELIZA A. DAVIS
JOHN P. ADAMS
RALPH B. DENNY

Report of TRUSTEES OR THE KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY.

To the Honorable City Council:

The trustees of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library herewith present the twenty-eighth annual report of the library for the year ending February 1, 1923.

The trustees respectfully call the attention of the Council and the voters to the report of the librarian, which the trustees fully endorse, and from which we present the following statistics and observations upon the work accomplished by the librarian during the year just closed.

The library was open for business on 302 days. The total registration was 3,342. Special cards to the members of the Legislature to the number of 47. Montpelier Seminary registration numbered 108.

The total number of volumes in the library is 33,547. There were added during the year by purchase 298, by gifts 170 volumes and by new titles by bound magazines 16 volumes. 254 volumes were replaced, 125 duplicated, 735 discarded, 2 burned (contagious disease), and 30 volumes were lost. 4 volumes lost and paid for.

The average daily circulation was 231. The largest circulation in any one day was 470, March 18th. The largest circulation in any one month was March: 7,435. The total juvenile circulation was 25,341 and the adult circulation was 44,644, making the total circulation for the year 69,985. As we have heretofore done, we submit the following table showing the circulation by classes which will give the patrons of the library a full knowl-

edge of what use is being made of the books in the library and shows a difference from year to year and changes in the work of the patrons of the library.

CIRCULATION BY CLASSES

	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Juvenile</i>
General works.....	2,972	657
Philosophy and Ethics.....	339	...
Religion.....	224	186
Sociology.....	604	3,931 (Fairy tales)
Philology.....	151	...
Science.....	549	677
Useful arts.....	810	364
Fine arts.....	1,020	622
Literature.....	3,312	1,355
Travel.....	965	964
History.....	863	867
Biography.....	1,289	735
Fiction.....	31,546	15,001
	44,644	25,341

Of all our civic institutions the library is the most representative, and touches the lives of the most people. It not only does educational work in a limited sense, but gives assistance to industry, enters into the business and private life of citizens, helps Americanization, and thoroughly merits the support of public spirited citizens and institutions which work for the betterment of community life. And, as it exists for the benefit of the citizens of Montpelier, its use by them is the measure of the year's work.

The year 1922 shows a gain in circulation, but is not marked by important changes or innovations. The publication of an unusual number of worth while books in attractive style, has stimulated the reading of non-fiction. Some of the newer books of travel, history and biography have been at times more in

demand than novels. While it is cause for rejoicing that such books have been favorites, it is unsatisfactory to have a demand impossible to supply at its height, which presently subsides and leaves duplicate copies standing on the shelves. The largest gain in circulation has been made in the class called Literature, which contains poetry, drama and essays.

There came during the summer a sudden demand for more books on radio, and the latest popular subject in request has been etiquette.

Business depression affected the readers of foreign languages. Many young men moved away, especially readers of Italian and Spanish books. There seems a renewal of patronage in that department of late, and some of our book appropriation for the ensuing year should be applied to the purchase of new books for that section of our shelves.

It is gratifying to find that every group in the city organized for serious study seems to be turning naturally to the library to find reasonable facilities. Reference work cannot be measured in statistics. No feasible method of registering it has ever been found, but its activities are numerous and varied, constituting one of the most valuable services rendered. The time spent in securing obscure data for one person often amounts to more than that required for issuing one hundred books for home reading, but that item does not appear impressive in a statistical report.

Telephone reference questions have increased. This is one form of library service that should be used more. Many persons do not yet realize that the library is theirs, and that they have a right to expect to find information there.

Current magazines, pictures, clippings, stereoscopic views and music are all circulated. Bibliographies on special subjects have been prepared for schools, clubs, and other organizations. Books have been sent to rural schools in the county, wherever requested, with especial reference given in selection to the titles listed in the English Courses as outlined by the Board of Education and the Approved List of Books for Rural Schools. Many club women in neighboring towns use the library for material for club programs.

The usual course of lessons on the Use of Books and Libraries was given to the members of the Teacher Training Class during the fall term.

The librarian worked with the Committee on Home Reading Course in the Intermediate grades preparing a graded list for the pupils' use. She visited six classes to discuss these lists with the children for the purpose of helping them to understand the value of the reading habit. The books on these accredited lists are furnished in duplicates in our juvenile department and constant aid in selection is given to pupils.

The graduating class of the 8th grade made intelligent use of the library for historical information and picture material in costuming and staging their Benjamin Franklin pageant. Special effort is given to following the work of the public schools in the teaching of geography, history, literature and art, as well as to the art and travel sections of study clubs. The feeling that children who read widely do not make good students no longer prevails, and teachers are eager for the broadening and stimulating influence of books and outside reading.

With the permission of Mr. Swaffield, Principal, the librarian has given to the five divisions of the Senior Class a course of five lessons on the Use of Books and Libraries. These have been included as a part of the English work of the students and credit given therefor. Some elementary knowledge of this sort is necessary for those whose educational opportunities technically end with graduation from the High School. The continued use of a library by any young worker will contribute to the upbuilding of character, self-education and increased efficiency. It is planned to begin at once the same course with the Junior Class of the High School.

The withdrawal of the Woman's Club from the library to their rooms in the Community House removes one help in the way of bringing to the building many persons, who would not otherwise visit it. All the reports of up-to-date libraries stress the importance of making the place a center of community life. The auditoriums are open for the use of any free meeting of an educational or cultural nature, as a means of bringing citizens to the

library, and of emphasizing the idea that it is a progressive and indispensable center of public activity.

The Board will certainly desire to join in an expression of appreciation of all the gifts received. There were nine donors whose names are listed elsewhere. These interested friends have surely contributed to the success of the year's work.

Our binding bill is much too large—more than half the amount spent for books. The problem stated last year—that of poor paper and shoddy binding from the publishers, careless use of books by borrowers, and the high cost of rebinding, has not been modified to an appreciable extent. One librarian in a recent report voices the perplexities of all when he says: "It taxes our utmost resources to buy the book of to-day, mend those of yesterday, and replace those of the day before."

Miss Mildred Johnson has since October been taking an apprentice course in the library. Several Montpelier girls have gone on from this training to positions of usefulness and influence elsewhere, and we hope to interest others in this kind of work for women.

The library was represented at district meeting in Essex and Washington, and at the State Library Association meeting held in Brattleboro.

Our staff continues to give loyal and devoted support to the institution, and the record of the year's work would be incomplete without grateful acknowledgement therefor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report showing the income and expenses of the library for the year ending February 1, 1923 is as follows:

To cash on hand Feb. 1, 1922.....	\$ 1,461.46
Income from Hubbard Fund.....	4,430.00
Income from Braman Fund.....	1,347.50
From general fund.....	1,397.71
Rents from real estate, total.....	2,481.81
Library fines.....	329.25
Personal property sold.....	33.25

	\$ 11,481.08

Paid for books, newspapers, periodicals, binding and other library supplies.....	\$ 2,006.07
Paid for salaries of librarians and janitor, postage, express, printing and miscellaneous.....	4,546.36
Paid for fuel, lights, repairs, insurance and general maintenance of library building and grounds...	998.46
Paid for maintenance of income-paying real estate...	1,472.66
Cash on hand, February 1, 1923.....	2,181.62
	\$ 11,481.08

The income earning assets of the library, February 1, 1923 were as follows:

Real estate, not including the library buildings.....	\$ 16,000.00
Hubbard Fund, securities at par.....	100,000.00
Braman Fund, securities at par.....	31,000.00
General Fund, securities at par.....	27,886.22
Cash on hand.....	2,181.62

The foregoing account of the treasurer has been duly examined by the finance committee and found correct with proper vouchers for all expenditures.

During the year the finance committee has made investments in the various funds as bonds have matured and the several funds are invested in high grade municipal bonds to the amount named in the several funds. Insurance on the library buildings and property has been maintained at the required standard.

The Board acknowledge with thanks the gifts to the library from these parties:

DR. A. B. BISBEE.
MRS. C. H. DAY,
DR. MARY EMERY,
ROSE LUCIA,
MRS. J. T. MURRAY,
FLORENCE REMPLE,
MRS. M. E. SMITH,
MRS. J. E. WRIGHT,
REBECCA W. WRIGHT.

We also desire to return our thanks to local papers and all citizens who have in any way aided in making the year a successful one for the benefit of all interested in the library.

At the annual meeting, held February 6, 1923, all the officers and committees were re-elected for the period of one year from February 1.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. WING,
A. D. FARWELL,
HENRY L. FARWELL,
F. A. HOWLAND,
ARTHUR B. BISBEE,

Trustees.

Montpelier, Vermont, February 20, 1923.

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CITY MEETING

WARNING

The legal voters in City Meeting, in Montpelier, in the County of Washington and State of Vermont, are hereby warned to meet at the City Hall, in said Montpelier, on the first Tuesday of March, A. D. 1923, being March 6th, A. D. 1923, at six o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following business:

ART. 1. To elect a Mayor; City Clerk; City Treasurer; two Aldermen for the term of two years; one Lister for the term of three years, three Auditors, a Commissioner for Green Mount Cemetery for a term of five years, three School Commissioners for the term of two years and one Park Commissioner for the term of five years.

ART. 2. To receive and act on report of City Officers.

ART. 3. To see if the City will vote to authorize the City Council to purchase the George Lathrop Farm for \$10,000.

ART. 4. To see if the City will vote to authorize the City Council to make a contract with the Directors of the Heaton Hospital for the care of such needy poor as shall be designated by the City Council, or Overseer of the Poor, and for the general support of the Hospital, and to appropriate a sum of money to pay for the same.

ART. 5. To see if the City will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the expenses of the proper observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 6. To see if the City will vote to recommend an appropriation, not to exceed three percent of the grand list, for free Band Concerts, and to pay the expense of a District Nurse.

ART. 7. To see if the City will vote to place in the Sinking Fund any portion of the tax on the grand list, and to provide the terms of its use.

ART. 8. To see if the City will vote a tax sufficient to raise Eighty-eight Thousand dollars estimated by the Board of School Commissioners as necessary for the support of the schools, said Board's estimates being in excess of 50 cents on each dollar of the grand list.

ART. 9. To see if the City will vote to buy the Bailey & Taft property just north of the City Hall, for a Fire Station, and provide means by bonding or otherwise, for paying for the same.

ART. 10. To see if the City will authorize the issue of its notes or bonds for Seventy Thousand dollars for the purpose of constructing a cement road from the Granite Street Bridge to the Berlin line.

ART. 11. To see if the City will appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred dollars to build a skating rink and encourage other winter sports under direction of the City Council.

ART. 12. To see if the City will vote to amend its Charter, to permit an appropriation not to exceed 3% of its grand list for the purpose of providing for summer and winter recreation or sports and to instruct the City Council to procure such an amendment to its charter.

ART. 13. To see if the City will vote a tax for the payment of debts and current expenses of the City.

ART. 14. To see if the City will vote to raise money, in excess of the amount required by law to be raised for highways, and to take advantage of the provisions of Section 4591 of the General Laws.

ART. 15. To see if the City will vote to apply the provisions of Chapter 241 of the General Laws relating to Employer's Liability and Workmen's Compensation to the employees of the City.

ART. 16. To see if the City will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty dollars to Montpelier Post No. 3, American Legion to be used in the observance of Armistice Day, November 11th, 1923.

ART. 17. To transact any other business that may lawfully be transacted.



City Clerk.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 22nd of February, A. D. 1923.

